

# Job 15:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He runneth upon him, even on his neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:

## Analysis

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The wicked are arrogantly stubborn: 'He runneth upon him, even on his neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers.' This violent imagery depicts the wicked charging at God like a warrior with shield prominently displayed—defiant, aggressive, presumptuous. The 'thick bosses' (shield reinforcements) suggest confidence in one's own defenses. Eliphaz portrays the wicked as foolishly attacking omnipotence. His implication: Job's bold speeches to God constitute such presumption.

## Historical Context

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Ancient warfare involved shield charges—warriors using shields offensively to push back enemies. Applying this imagery to human-divine relationship would strike ancients as absurd (humans attacking God) yet Eliphaz claims Job does exactly this through his words.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How do we distinguish appropriate boldness in prayer from presumptuous arrogance toward God?
2. What role does humility play in approaching God with hard questions?
3. How does Christ's mediation enable us to approach God boldly without presumption?

## Interlinear Text

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He runneth	H413	upon him even on his neck	upon the thick	bosses
H7323		H6677	H5672	H1354
מִגִּבֵּי:				
of his bucklers				
H4043				