

Job 15:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

Analysis

The wicked's labor is futile: 'For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.' Eliphaz promises judgment on hypocrites and the corrupt. Their assemblies will be destroyed, their dwellings consumed. While Scripture affirms God judges hypocrisy and corruption, Eliphaz wrongly assumes Job fits these categories. The accusation of hypocrisy is particularly cruel—Job's integrity is his whole defense.

Historical Context

Bribery corrupted ancient justice systems, with officials taking bribes to pervert judgment (Exodus 23:8, Isaiah 1:23). Fire consuming dwellings represented total divine judgment (Sodom and Gomorrah, prophetic judgments on nations).

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How do we identify genuine hypocrisy versus inconsistency or failure in our spiritual walk?
2. What distinguishes the imperfection all believers experience from the hypocrisy Jesus condemned?
3. How does grace transform our response to others' spiritual inconsistencies?

Interlinear Text

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