

Job 16:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all.

Analysis

Job's frustration peaks: 'I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all!' This labels the friends' theology as anti-comfort. Their attempts to explain suffering increase rather than decrease Job's misery. Presence without answers would serve better.

Historical Context

Ancient friendship obligations included comfort in distress. Job's label 'miserable comforters' indicts the friends' covenant failure - they add affliction rather than relief.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. When has theological explanation made suffering worse rather than better?
2. What makes someone a 'miserable comforter' despite good intentions?

Interlinear Text

לְכֶם:	עַמְלָה	מִנְחָמִים	כְּבָזֶת	כְּאֶלְהָה	שְׁמָעַתִּי
I have heard	H428	many such things	comforters	miserable	H3605

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