

# Job 19:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head.

## Analysis

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**He hath stripped me of my glory** (כְּבוֹדִי מֵעָלַי הִפָּשִׁיט, kevodi me'alay hiphshit)—The verb פָּשַׁט (pashat, 'to strip off') describes forcible removal, often of clothing or armor (1 Samuel 31:9). Job's כְּבוֹד (kavod, 'glory/honor/weight') encompasses social reputation, divine blessing, and personal dignity—all violently torn away.

**And taken the crown from my head** (וַיַּסֵּר עֲטֶרֶת רֹאשִׁי, wayyasar 'ateret roshi)—The עֲטֶרֶת ('atarah, 'crown') wasn't literal royalty but the 'crown' of wisdom, prosperity, and family that distinguished Job as 'the greatest of all the men of the east' (1:3). This de-crowning anticipates Christ, who was literally stripped and crowned with thorns—the innocent sufferer par excellence (Matthew 27:28-29).

## Historical Context

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In ancient Near Eastern culture, public honor (kavod) was essential to identity. Job's stripping echoes prophetic imagery of Israel's exile (Ezekiel 16:39) but applied to an individual. This personal de-glorification prefigures the Servant who would be 'despised and rejected' (Isaiah 53:3).

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. What 'crowns' or sources of glory has God stripped from you, and how have you processed that loss?
2. How does Job's stripping illuminate Christ's voluntary humiliation in Philippians 2:7?
3. Can a person experience total loss of earthly glory yet maintain spiritual dignity? How?

## Interlinear Text

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| כְּ בֹדִי      | מִעַל י | הִפָּשׂ יט       | וּ יָסַר  | עֹט רֵת   | רֹאשִׁי:     |
| me of my glory | H5921   | He hath stripped | and taken | the crown | from my head |
| H3519          |         | H6584            | H5493     | H5850     | H7218        |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 89:44** (Glory): Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.

**Psalms 89:39** (Parallel theme): Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

**Lamentations 5:16** (Parallel theme): The crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned!