

Job 21:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

Analysis

Job quotes the wicked: 'Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.' This reveals the mystery: those who reject God often prosper. Job isn't endorsing this attitude but acknowledging the reality that challenges simplistic retribution theology.

Historical Context

Ancient wisdom assumed godliness brought blessing and wickedness brought curse. Job's observation of wicked prosperity challenges this comfortable equation.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do you explain the prosperity of those who openly reject God?
2. What does delayed judgment teach about God's patience?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמְרוּ	לֵאלֹהִים	סִיּוֹר	מִמֶּנּוּ	וְלֹא	דַּעַת	דְּרָכַיִךְ
Therefore they say	unto God	Depart	H4480	not the knowledge	of thy ways	
H559	H410	H5493		H1847	H1870	
לֵא	מִפְּצֵנוּ:					
H3808	from us for we desire					
	H2654					

Additional Cross-References

Job 22:17 (References God): Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them?

Romans 8:7 (References God): Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Psalms 10:4 (References God): The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Proverbs 1:29 (Parallel theme): For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: