

Job 21:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.

Analysis

Job knows his friends' thoughts: 'Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.' Job reads his friends accurately—he understands their theological framework and its false application to him. The 'devices' suggest schemes or plans—they're actively constructing arguments against him. The adverb 'wrongfully' (Hebrew 'chamas'—violence/wrong) suggests their theological violence compounds his suffering.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern dialogues involved strategic argumentation. Job recognizes his friends aren't merely misunderstanding him but actively constructing cases against him. Their theological certainty has made them adversaries rather than comforters.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do we recognize when others have closed their minds to our actual situation?
2. What damage occurs when theology becomes weapon rather than tool for understanding?
3. How do we help those whose friends have become theological adversaries?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 119:86 (Parallel theme): All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

Luke 5:22 (Parallel theme): But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?