

Job 22:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

Analysis

Eliphaz concludes: 'He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.' This final conditional assumes repentance will restore Job. The irony is that Job needs no repentance - he is already innocent. False diagnosis leads to false cure.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern wisdom emphasized repentance as pathway to restoration. Eliphaz's counsel contains truth but misapplies it to someone who isn't guilty as charged.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. When does calling for repentance become false accusation?
2. How do you discern when someone needs correction versus compassion?

Interlinear Text

בְּרִיאָה נְמַלְתָּה אֵין תְּקֵנָה
He shall deliver the island of the innocent He shall deliver by the pureness
H4422 H336 H5355 H4422 H1252

פֶּגֶץ:
of thine hands
H3709

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 18:20 (Parallel theme): The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanliness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

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