

Job 25:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Dominion and fear are with him, he maketh peace in his high places.

Analysis

Dominion and fear are with him (הַמֶּשָׁלָה וְהַפֶּחַד עִמּוֹ)—Bildad emphasizes God's absolute sovereignty (הַמֶּשָׁלָה, memshalah) and the terror (פֶּחַד, pachad) He inspires. While theologically true, Bildad wields these truths as weapons rather than comfort. **He maketh peace in his high places** (עָשָׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו)—The participle emphasizes God's continual cosmic ordering. The meromav ('high places') refers to the heavenly realm where God governs angelic hosts.

Ironically, Bildad describes divine transcendence to silence Job's complaints, yet Job craves precisely this sovereign God's personal attention (Job 23:3-5). The theology is orthodox but pastorally bankrupt—accurate doctrine deployed without love becomes a 'noisy gong' (1 Corinthians 13:1). Bildad's God is distant sovereign, not covenant Father.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern cosmology conceived of divine councils where gods maintained cosmic order. Bildad's reference to God making peace 'in his high places' reflects this widespread worldview, adapted to monotheistic Israelite faith. The book of Job frequently engages these cosmological concepts (see Job 1:6-12, 38:7).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How can accurate theology be pastorally harmful when divorced from compassion?
2. In what ways do you emphasize God's transcendence at the expense of His immanence, or vice versa?
3. How does Job's dialogue warn against using doctrinal correctness as a bludgeon?

Interlinear Text

לְהִמְשִׁלַּת	וּפְחָד	עִמּוֹ	עִשְׂתָּהּ	שְׁלָמָה	בְּמַרְוֵמָיו:
Dominion	and fear	H5973	are with him he maketh	peace	in his high places
H4910	H6343		H6213	H7965	H4791

Additional Cross-References

Colossians 1:20 (Peace): And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.