

Job 25:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man,
which is a worm?

Analysis

Bildad concludes: 'How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm?' This degradation of humanity emphasizes sinfulness but loses sight of imago dei. Humans are fallen yet image-bearers, worms yet crowned with glory (Psalm 8:4-5).

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern humility expressions included self-abasement metaphors. Bildad's 'worm' imagery appears in Psalm 22:6 (messianic), but Bildad uses it to crush rather than elevate through redemption.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How do you balance recognition of human sinfulness with human dignity?
2. What's the difference between biblical humility and self-degradation?

Interlinear Text

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which is a worm

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 41:14 (Parallel theme): Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Psalms 22:6 (Parallel theme): But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

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