

Job 27:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will teach you by the hand of God: that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.

Analysis

I will teach you by the hand of God—(אוֹרָה אֶתְכֶם בְּיָד־אֱלֹהִים) the phrase beyad-El (by God's hand) indicates authority and instrumentality. Job claims to teach divine truth, positioning himself as God's spokesman against his friends' faulty theology. The verb yarah (יָרָה) means to instruct or direct, the root of Torah.

That which is with the Almighty will I not conceal—(אֲשֶׁר עַמְּשָׁנִי לֹא אַכְחַד) Job vows full disclosure of truth about God. The verb kachad (קָחַד) means to hide or conceal. This combines prophetic authority (teaching by God's hand) with prophetic responsibility (not withholding revealed truth). Job assumes the role his friends claimed—true interpreter of divine ways—but with opposite conclusions. Where they declared that suffering proves sin, Job will declare that the Almighty's ways transcend simplistic retribution. This prefigures Jesus's claim: 'I have not spoken in secret' (Isaiah 48:16; John 18:20) and the apostolic mandate to declare 'the whole counsel of God' (Acts 20:27).

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern wisdom teachers claimed divine authorization for their instruction, but Job uniquely inverts the dialogue's power dynamic—the sufferer becomes the teacher, correcting the comfortable. This anticipates the gospel pattern where the crucified one proves wiser than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:25).

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 – Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does Job's commitment to teaching divine truth despite personal suffering challenge comfortable theology?
2. What does it mean to teach 'by the hand of God' in a way that doesn't conceal difficult truths about divine sovereignty?
3. In what ways should suffering qualify (rather than disqualify) someone for teaching about God's character?

Interlinear Text

אָשֵׁר אָתָּךְ מִבֵּיד אָלֵךְ הַיְמָנָה	H834	עַמּוֹת
I will teach you by the hand of God	H834	H5973

אָכְפָתָן	לְאַשְׁר	בְּשֵׁם
will I not conceal	that which is with the Almighty	H3808

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 8:11 (Parallel theme): For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

Psalms 71:17 (References God): O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

Job 6:10 (Parallel theme): Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

Acts 20:20 (Parallel theme): And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

Deuteronomy 4:5 (References God): Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

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