

Job 27:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

Analysis

Job vows: 'All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils; My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.' This oath of integrity shows Job won't confess false sins to end suffering. Truth matters more than relief from pain.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern legal oaths invoked deity as witness. Job's oath makes God witness to his innocence, a bold move that God eventually vindicates.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. When is maintaining truth more important than ending suffering?
2. How do you resist pressure to confess sins you didn't commit?

Interlinear Text

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 2:7 (References God): And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Job 33:4 (Spirit): The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

Isaiah 2:22 (Parallel theme): Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

Job 32:8 (Spirit): But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Acts 17:25 (Parallel theme): Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

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