

Job 27:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

Analysis

Job continues: 'My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.' The verb chazaq (חִזַּק, hold fast) means to be strong, to seize firmly—the same verb describing Job holding his integrity (2:3). The phrase 'will not let it go' (lo arpennah, לא אַרְפְּנָה) emphasizes tenacious grip. 'My heart shall not reproach me' (lo-yechareph levavi, לא־יְחַרֵּף לְבָבִי) means his conscience remains clear. Job's self-witness aligns with God's testimony (1:8, 2:3), validating that believers may maintain innocence when falsely accused without pride or presumption.

Historical Context

The statement reflects biblical teaching about the importance of a clear conscience (Acts 24:16, 1 Timothy 1:19, Hebrews 13:18). Job's insistence on his righteousness was vindicated by God (42:7-8), teaching that maintaining innocence against false accusers honors truth. The passage distinguishes between proud self-righteousness (which Job avoids by acknowledging human sinfulness generally) and honest self-witness about specific accusations (which Job maintains).

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do we maintain innocence against false accusations without falling into proud self-righteousness?
2. What does the importance of a clear conscience teach about living with integrity before God?

Interlinear Text

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| בְּצִדְקָתִי | אֶל | אֶת | חִזְקָתִי | אֶרְאֶת | לֹא |
| My righteousness | I hold | | H3808 | fast and will not let it go | H3808 |
| H6666 | H2388 | | | H7503 | |
| וְיִתְהַרְבֵּךְ | לְבָבִי | מִתְּחִי | | | |
| shall not reproach | my heart | me so long as I live | | | |
| H2778 | H3824 | H3117 | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Job 2:3 (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

Acts 24:16 (Parallel theme): And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

Proverbs 4:13 (Parallel theme): Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

2 Corinthians 12:11 (Parallel theme): I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.