

Job 3:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

Analysis

Job continues his meditation: in death he would rest with 'princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver.' The wealthy cannot take their riches beyond the grave (Psalm 49:16-17). Job's suffering has made him prefer the rest of death with its loss of all earthly treasures to continued life with its pain. This reflects how suffering reveals the relative unimportance of wealth—a truth the prosperous often fail to grasp.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern burial practices often included burying the dead with treasures (grave goods), reflecting the belief that wealth somehow accompanied the deceased. Scripture consistently rejects this notion.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

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Study Questions

1. How has suffering helped you gain proper perspective on the relative value of earthly wealth?

2. What does Job's indifference to wealth in death teach us about its true significance?

Interlinear Text

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