

Job 30:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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dogs of my flock.

Analysis

Job's contrast: 'But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.' The social reversal is complete - those Job once scorned now mock him. Suffering inverts social order.

Historical Context

Ancient honor-shame cultures made such reversal particularly devastating. Job experiences maximum humiliation from minimum persons.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do you maintain dignity when social status is reversed?
2. What does Job's humiliation teach about worldly honor?

Interlinear Text

וְעַתָּה הִיא	שָׂסֶק וְ	עָלַי	צְעִיר יָם	מִמֶּנִּי
H6258	than I have me in derision	H5921	But now they that are younger	H4480
	H7832		H6810	
לִּי מִיָּם	אֲשֶׁר	מֵאָסִיתִי	אֲבוֹתָם	לִּי שֵׁ יָם
H3117	H834	I would have disdained	whose fathers	to have set
		H3988	H1	H5973
			H7896	
כָּלֵב י	צֹאֲנִי:			
with the dogs	of my flock			
H3611	H6629			

Additional Cross-References

Job 12:4 (Parallel theme): I am as one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright man is laughed to scorn.

Luke 23:35 (Parallel theme): And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

Psalms 69:12 (Parallel theme): They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.