

Job 30:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thouregardest me not.

Analysis

Job addresses God: 'I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thouregardest me not.' This describes prayer's apparent futility - crying without answer, standing without divine regard. The silence of heaven intensifies suffering.

Historical Context

Ancient prayer assumed divine hearing and response. Job's experience of divine silence challenges this assumption while maintaining prayer.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How do you persist in prayer when God seems not to hear?
2. What does divine silence teach about faith?

Interlinear Text

אֶשׁוּעַ	אֵל לִי	וְלֹא אֶתְעַנֶּה לְךָ	עַמּוּמִי אֶמְצִי
I cry	H413	H3808	unto thee and thou dost not hear me I stand up
H7768		H6030	H5975
וְתִתֵּב נָךְ	בִּי:		
and thou regardest	H0		
H995			

Additional Cross-References

Job 19:7 (Parallel theme): Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but there is no judgment.

Psalms 22:2 (Parallel theme): O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

Job 27:9 (Parallel theme): Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

Matthew 15:23 (Parallel theme): But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

Lamentations 3:8 (Parallel theme): Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer.

Lamentations 3:44 (Parallel theme): Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through.