

Job 30:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When I looked for good, then evil came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

Analysis

Job's disappointed expectation: 'When I looked for good, then evil came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness.' This captures the inversion of expected blessing. Righteous behavior should bring reward, but Job experiences the opposite.

Historical Context

Ancient wisdom taught that good produces good and righteousness brings blessing. Job's experience contradicts this comfortable expectation.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when righteous behavior brings suffering instead of blessing?
2. What does the inversion of expected outcomes teach about God's ways?

Interlinear Text

כִּי	טוֹב	קִנֵּיתִי	וַיָּבֹא	כֵּן	וַאֲנִי לְהַ
H3588	for good	When I looked	came	then evil	unto me and when I waited
	H2896	H6960	H935	H7451	H3176
לְאֹר	וַיָּבֹא	אֶפְלָל:			
for light	came	darkness			
H216	H935	H652			

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 8:15 (Good): We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!

Jeremiah 14:19 (Good): Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!

Isaiah 50:10 (Light): Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

Psalms 97:11 (Light): Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Micah 1:12 (Evil): For the inhabitant of Maroth waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.