

Job 30:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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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

וְאֵין כֵּן כִּי בָּאָה עַתָּה וְאֵת וְאֵת
H3588 for good H2896 When I looked H6960 came H935 then evil H7451 unto me and when I waited H3176

אֶלְכָל אֵת בָּאָה לֹא וְרָא
for light H216 came H935 darkness 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 loathed 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.