

Job 31:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Job requests: 'Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.' The phrase mo'znei-tsedeq (מִזְנֵי-צְדָקָה, even balance) refers to honest, accurate scales. Shakal (שָׁקַל, weighed) means to weigh out or measure. Job invites divine assessment, confident in his innocence. The phrase 'that God may know' uses yada (יָדָה, know), not implying God lacks knowledge but expressing confidence that divine examination will vindicate. Tummah (תֻמָּה, integrity) means completeness or innocence. Job's confidence in divine scrutiny demonstrates clear conscience.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern imagery frequently used balances/scales for judgment (Egyptian afterlife judgment weighed hearts against feather of truth). Biblical imagery similarly employs weighing for divine judgment (Daniel 5:27). Job's invitation for God to weigh him demonstrates confidence—unlike his friends who assume divine weighing already condemned him. The passage anticipates final judgment when God will weigh all and vindicate the righteous.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does Job's invitation for divine weighing teach about the confidence a clear conscience brings?
2. How should the reality of final judgment affect our daily lives and moral choices?

Interlinear Text

וְשִׁבְעַל תִּ	בָּמִזְבֵּחַ	אַל	עִזְׁים	אַתָּה יְ	אַל וְ	תִּמְצָה
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H8254	H3976	H6664	H3045	H433		H8538

Additional Cross-References

Daniel 5:27 (Parallel theme): TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

Matthew 7:23 (Parallel theme): And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

1 Samuel 2:3 (References God): Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

Isaiah 26:7 (Parallel theme): The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

Psalms 139:23 (References God): Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psalms 1:6 (References God): For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Job 6:2 (Parallel theme): Oh that my grief were throughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together!

Proverbs 16:11 (Parallel theme): A just weight and balance are the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag are his work.

Joshua 22:22 (References God): The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,

Micah 6:11 (Parallel theme): Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

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