

Job 33:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Elihu claims: 'For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.' This introduces Elihu's theme - God communicates through various means (dreams, suffering) even when humans fail to recognize it. The speech contains truth but misapplies it to Job.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern cultures valued dreams as divine communication. Elihu's observation that God speaks multiple ways reflects this broader understanding.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does God speak beyond obvious verbal communication?
2. What prevents you from perceiving God's voice?

Interlinear Text

וְשׁוֹרֵגָה: לְאָתָּה בְּשַׁתִּים אֶל בְּאַמְתָּה
H3588 once H259 speaketh H1696 For God H410 yea twice H8147
H3808 yet man perceiveth H7789

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 1:24 (Parallel theme): Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

Psalms 62:11 (References God): God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

2 Chronicles 33:10 (Parallel theme): And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.

Luke 24:25 (Parallel theme): Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

Isaiah 6:9 (Parallel theme): And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

Job 33:29 (References God): Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man,

Matthew 13:14 (Parallel theme): And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

John 3:19 (Parallel theme): And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Job 40:5 (Parallel theme): Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

Proverbs 1:29 (Parallel theme): For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

