

Job 34:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

Analysis

Elihu declares: 'Therefore hearken unto me ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.' This defense of divine righteousness is orthodox but misses Job's point - Job questions how to understand God's ways, not God's character.

Historical Context

Ancient theodicy defended God's justice. Elihu's statement contains truth but addresses a claim Job never made.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How do you defend God's character while acknowledging mysterious providence?
2. What's the difference between questioning God's ways and accusing God of wickedness?

Interlinear Text

לֹא יֵלֵךְ	אֵל גִּישׁ י	לִבּוֹ	שְׁמַע ו	לִי	חַל לָהּ	לֹא ל
H3651	H376	H3824	H8085	H0	H2486	H410
		of understanding	Therefore hearken		far be it	from God
	מִן שַׁע	וּשְׁמִי		מִעֲוֹל:		
	H7562	H7706		H5766		
	that he should do wickedness	and from the Almighty		that he should commit iniquity		

Additional Cross-References

Romans 9:14 (References God): What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

Deuteronomy 32:4 (Sin): He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Job 8:3 (References God): Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

2 Chronicles 19:7 (Sin): Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

Genesis 18:25 (Evil): That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

James 1:13 (Evil): Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

Psalms 92:15 (Parallel theme): To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Job 36:23 (Sin): Who hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity?

Job 37:23 (Parallel theme): Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

Proverbs 6:32 (Parallel theme): But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.