

Job 34:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

Analysis

Elihu emphasizes: 'Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.' The double negative ('not do wickedly... neither pervert') underscores absolute divine justice. Yet this doesn't explain innocent suffering - it just asserts impossibility of divine injustice.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern justice concepts required divine judges to be perfectly fair. Elihu's assertion is theologically correct but pastorally insufficient.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does affirming God's justice help when circumstances seem unjust?
2. What's missing from merely asserting God's righteousness to sufferers?

Interlinear Text

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H637	Yea surely	God	H3808	will not do wickedly	neither will the Almighty	H3808	
	H551	H410		H7561	H7706		
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יַעַשׂ	מִשְׁפָּט:						
pervert	judgment						
H5791	H4941						

Additional Cross-References

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

Psalms 145:17 (Parallel theme): The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

Psalms 11:7 (Parallel theme): For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.