

Job 36:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.

Analysis

Elihu claims: 'He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.' This introduces the pedagogical theme - suffering teaches. While containing truth, this doesn't fully explain innocent suffering like Job's.

Historical Context

Ancient wisdom recognized suffering's instructional value. Elihu's observation is partially correct but incomplete as explanation for all suffering.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What has suffering taught you that prosperity couldn't?
2. How do you distinguish between discipline and punishment?

Interlinear Text

יְחַלֵּי	עַנֵּי	בְּעֲנֵי	וְיִגַּל	בַּל חַץ	אָזְנוֹם:
He delivereth	the poor	in his affliction	and openeth	in oppression	their ears
H2502	H6041	H6040	H1540	H3906	H241

Additional Cross-References

Job 36:10 (Parallel theme): He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

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