

Job 38:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and
caused the dayspring to know his place;

Analysis

God questions Job: 'Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place?' This asks whether Job controls daily sunrise - something so routine humans take it for granted, yet entirely beyond human power.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern sun deities were worshiped as sources of daily light. God's question reveals that even routine 'natural' phenomena demonstrate divine power.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What daily 'natural' occurrences reveal God's sustaining power?
2. How does recognizing God's governance of ordinary things affect your trust in His governance of extraordinary things?

Interlinear Text

הַ מִּמָּוֶלַח	צִוִּיתְךָ	בֹּקֶר	יָדָעְתָּהּ
since thy days	Hast thou commanded	the morning	to know
H3117	H6680	H1242	H3045
וַיַּעַשׂ	מְקוֹמוֹ:		
and caused the dayspring	his place		
H7837	H4725		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 74:16 (Parallel theme): The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

Job 8:9 (Parallel theme): (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:)

2 Peter 1:19 (Parallel theme): We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Genesis 1:5 (Parallel theme): And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Luke 1:78 (Parallel theme): Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,