

Job 38:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

Analysis

God asks: 'Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?' This questions Job's knowledge of ocean depths - regions utterly inaccessible in ancient times. Divine knowledge encompasses what human exploration cannot reach.

Historical Context

Ancient understanding of ocean depths was minimal. God's question emphasizes the limits of human investigation versus divine omniscience.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What unreachable depths in your life does only God comprehend?
2. How does God's knowledge of inaccessible places comfort you?

Interlinear Text

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| הָ בָּאָתָּ | עַד | נְבִיִּי | יָם | וּבִי קָר | תְּ הַ וְּמָ |
| Hast thou entered | H5704 | into the springs | of the sea | in the search | of the depth |
| H935 | | H5033 | H3220 | H2714 | H8415 |
| הִתְהַלַּכְתָּ: | | | | | |
| or hast thou walked | | | | | |
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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 8:24 (Parallel theme): When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

Psalms 77:19 (Parallel theme): Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.