

Job 38:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

Analysis

God's opening challenge: 'Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?' This doesn't answer Job's questions but reframes them. God questions the questioner, revealing that human words about divine ways often obscure rather than illuminate truth.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern wisdom valued knowledge and understanding. God's rebuke suggests Job's speeches, though honest, lack necessary perspective.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do your words about God's ways sometimes darken rather than clarify?
2. What does it mean to speak 'without knowledge' even while being honest?

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