

Job 38:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,

Analysis

God challenges: 'Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail?' This question treats weather phenomena as divine 'treasures' stored for purposes Job doesn't understand. God's providence extends to meteorology.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern weather was mysterious and often destructive. God's 'treasures' language suggests purposeful storage and strategic deployment.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What 'treasures' of hardship might God be storing for purposes you don't yet understand?
2. How does viewing difficult circumstances as potential 'treasures' change your perspective?

Interlinear Text

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| הָ בָּאתָ | אֶל | וְאוֹצָרֹת | שֶׁלֹּג | וְאוֹצָרֹת |
| Hast thou entered | H413 | into the treasures | of the snow | into the treasures |
| H935 | | H214 | H7950 | H214 |
| בְּכֹד | תִּרְאָהּ: | | | |
| of the hail | or hast thou seen | | | |
| H1259 | H7200 | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Job 37:6 (Parallel theme): For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

Psalms 135:7 (Parallel theme): He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasures.

Psalms 33:7 (Parallel theme): He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Job 6:16 (Parallel theme): Which are blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid: