

# Job 38:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the  
bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

## Analysis

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"To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?" God's rain satisfies (sova, שָׂבַע, "to satisfy/saturate") even desolate places, making vegetation spring forth. This demonstrates God's redemptive impulse—He delights in bringing life from barrenness, beauty from desolation. The imagery anticipates Isaiah's promises of desert blooming (Isaiah 35:1-2) and ultimately points to spiritual regeneration where God brings life to dead souls. God wastes nothing; even wasteland receives His gracious attention.

## Historical Context

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Desert regions in ancient Near East seemed permanently barren, yet occasional rains produced brief stunning blooms. This miracle would remind observers of God's power to bring life from death. For exiled Israel, this promise of desolate places reviving offered hope for national restoration.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's ability to make desolate places bloom encourage hope in your spiritual barrenness?
2. What "waste ground" in your life or community might God intend to satisfy and revive?

## Interlinear Text

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לְהַשְׂבֵּי יַעַ	שׁ אֶה	וּמִשְׁאַ ה	וּלְהִצְמֵ יֵם	מִן אֶרֶץ
To satisfy	the desolate	and waste	to spring forth	ground and to cause the bud
H7646	H7722	H4875	H6779	H4161
:וְהִנֵּה אֶרֶץ				
of the tender herb				
H1877				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 107:35** (Parallel theme): He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.