

Job 38:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

Analysis

God asks: 'Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.' This reveals divine care for ravens - birds considered unclean and insignificant. If God feeds ravens, how much more does He care for Job?

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern cultures viewed ravens as scavengers, not worthy of care. Jesus later uses similar logic (Matthew 6:26) - God's care extends to least creatures.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What does God's care for ravens teach about His care for you?
2. How do 'insignificant' creatures reveal divine providence?

Interlinear Text

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H4310	Who provideth	for the raven	his food	H3588	when his young ones	unto God
	H3559	H6158	H6718		H3206	H410
לֹא	יִשְׁוּ עוֹ	תָּעוּ	לְבָלִי	אֲכָל:		
H413	cry	they wander	for lack	of meat		
	H7768	H8582	H1097	H400		

Additional Cross-References

Luke 12:24 (References God): Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

Psalms 147:9 (Parallel theme): He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

Matthew 6:26 (Parallel theme): Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?