

Job 39:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them." The ostrich's ground nesting exposes eggs to danger—crushing or predation. Yet the species survives and thrives. God's design includes accepting risk within His sovereign protection. Not all divine wisdom seeks to eliminate danger; sometimes it equips creatures to thrive despite it. This challenges risk-averse thinking, teaching that faith may require embracing dangerous paths under divine direction.

Historical Context

Ancient peoples would find the ostrich's apparent carelessness puzzling. Yet ostriches flourished in their harsh environments. This demonstrated that God's protection doesn't always mean eliminating danger but enabling creatures to fulfill their purposes despite it. This would encourage those facing unavoidable dangers.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God's design that accepts risk challenge safety-obsessed modern culture?
2. What divinely ordained purposes might require you to embrace risk rather than avoid it?

Interlinear Text

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