

Job 39:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?

Analysis

God asks Job: 'Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?' This attributes bird migration to divine instinct rather than human teaching. Natural behaviors that seem instinctive are actually divinely programmed.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern observers marveled at bird migration but couldn't explain it. God's question reveals that 'natural' instinct is supernatural design.

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Study Questions

1. What 'instincts' in your life are actually divine promptings?

2. How does recognizing God's programming in nature affect your trust in His guidance?

Interlinear Text

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