

Job 40:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

Analysis

"Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said." Despite Job's submission in verses 4-5, God continues speaking. The repeated "out of the whirlwind" recalls 38:1, emphasizing continued theophany. God's persistence demonstrates that His speeches aren't primarily about getting Job to be quiet but about revealing Himself more fully. Job's initial humbling was necessary but insufficient—deeper transformation awaits. This teaches that God's purposes in discipline extend beyond mere compliance to relationship and knowledge of Himself.

Historical Context

The sustained theophany demonstrates God's commitment to complete revelation. Unlike ancient deities who delivered cryptic oracles and departed, Yahweh remains engaged until Job truly understands. The whirlwind's continuation emphasizes that this is genuine divine manifestation, not Job's imagination or human philosophy.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's continued engagement despite Job's submission reveal His purposes in suffering?
2. What deeper knowledge of God might He want to give you beyond initial lessons learned?

Interlinear Text

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Gird up	H4994	now like a man	thy loins	I will demand	of thee and declare
H247		H1397	H2504	H7592	H3045

Additional Cross-References

Job 38:3 (Parallel theme): Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

Job 42:4 (Parallel theme): Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

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