

Job 41:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him with his double bridle?

Analysis

"Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him with his double bridle?" Leviathan's outer covering (pney levusho, פְּנֵי לְבוּשׁוֹ, "face of his garment"—likely scales or hide) cannot be stripped. Double bridle (resen kephel, רֶסֶן כֶּפֶל) suggests futility of controlling it like a horse. Every attempt at mastery fails. This teaches that God designed certain creatures and forces to remain beyond human dominion, preserving His exclusive sovereignty. Accepting such limits is wisdom, not defeat.

Historical Context

Ancient peoples used bridles to control horses and strips of armor for protection. Leviathan's immunity to such methods taught that God reserves certain dominions exclusively for Himself. This humbled human pride while assuring divine control over all threatening forces.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What "bridles" are you attempting to put on situations that God intends to remain beyond your control?
2. How does releasing need to control everything free you for appropriate stewardship of what God has given you?

Interlinear Text

מִי	גִּלְיָה	פְּנֵי י	לְבוּשׁ ו	בְּכָפָל	רֶסֶן ו
H4310	Who can discover	the face	of his garment	to him with his double	bridle
	H1540	H6440	H3830	H3718	H7448
יְהוָה	יָבֹא:				
H4310	or who can come				
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