

Job 41:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves." When Leviathan rises, even mighty warriors (elim, אֱלִים) fear and "purify themselves" (possibly "err/miss the mark" in panic). This demonstrates that human might, however impressive against other humans, becomes nothing before overwhelming power. This teaches humility—human strength is relative, impressive only within limited contexts. Before truly overwhelming realities, all human distinctions dissolve.

Historical Context

Ancient warriors cultivated courage and strength, earning respect and authority. Yet Leviathan reduced even the mightiest to terror. This taught that human hierarchies of power become irrelevant before truly overwhelming forces, reminding even the mighty of their fundamental creatureliness.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing that all human power is relative produce appropriate humility?
2. What situations reveal that your impressive strengths are actually quite limited?

Interlinear Text

מִשְׁתּוֹ	יִגְדּוּ וְיִרְאוּ	אֵלֵינוּ	מִשְׁבָּרֵינוּ	יִתְחַטְּאוּ:
When he raiseth up	are afraid	by reason of breakings	they purify	
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