

# Job 41:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?

## Analysis

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"Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?" Merely seeing Leviathan crushes hope of overcoming it. The Hebrew *tohalto* (תִּהְלֵתוֹ, "his hope") proves *nikhzavah* (נִכְזְבָה, "deceptive/disappointing"). Visual encounter alone defeats human confidence. This teaches that some realities are so overwhelming that recognition of our inadequacy comes immediately upon perception. Proper response isn't attempting mastery but acknowledging limitations and trusting God who is not overwhelmed.

## Historical Context

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Ancient warriors and hunters cultivated courage facing dangerous creatures. Yet Leviathan's appearance alone defeated such courage. This taught that certain threats transcend human bravery or capability, requiring divine intervention. It prepared readers to recognize when situations exceed human resources.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. What overwhelming realities have crushed your confidence in human solutions, driving you to God?
2. How does immediate recognition of inadequacy become the doorway to experiencing divine adequacy?

## Interlinear Text

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הֵן	תִּחְלֶת וְ	נִכְזָּבָה	הֵגֶם	אֶל	מִרְאֵי
H2005	<b>Behold the hope</b>	<b>of him is in vain</b>	H1571	H413	<b>even at the sight</b>
	H8431	H3576			H4758
יִטֹּל:					
<b>shall not one be cast down</b>					
H2904					

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