

Job 42:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.

Analysis

God's verdict: 'My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.' This vindicates Job against the friends. Their orthodox theology proved false comfort; Job's honest lament proved faithful.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern theology valued orthodox speech about deity. God's reversal of expected verdict shows that honest questioning pleases God more than false certainty.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's vindication of Job challenge your assumptions about proper piety?
2. What does it mean to speak rightly about God - orthodox doctrine or honest relationship?

Interlinear Text

וַיְהִי י' H1961	אֵת כֵּן H310	וְעַתָּה H1696	לֹא הָיָה H3068	אֵת כֵּן H853	וְעַתָּה H1697
And it was so that after	for ye have not spoken	the LORD	these words		
וַיֹּאמֶר H428	אֵל H413	אֵלֶיךָ H347	וַיֹּאמֶר H559	לֹא הָיָה H3068	אֵלֶיךָ H413
Job	said	the LORD	to Eliphaz	the Temanite	
וַיִּכְדָּם H2734	אֵפֶי H639	בְּךָ H0	וּבְשֵׁנֶי H8147	רֵעֵי H7453	לֹא H3808
is kindled	My wrath	against thee and against thy two	friends		
וְעַתָּה H1696	אֵלֶי H413	נִכּוֹן H3559	כְּעֹבֵד H5650	אֵיזֵב H347	
for ye have not spoken	of me the thing that is right	as my servant	Job		

Additional Cross-References

Job 32:5 (Judgment): When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.

Psalms 51:4 (Judgment): Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Job 4:1 (Parallel theme): Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

Job 2:11 (Parallel theme): Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the

Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

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