

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

וְיַהֲיֵה	אֵם	דִּבְרַת	יְהִי	אֵת	פְּדָבֵר	יִם
H1961	And it was so that after	for ye have not spoken	the LORD	H853	these words	
	H310	H1696	H3068		H1697	
בְּתִימָנֵן	אֵלִיפָּז	הַטְמָנֵן	אֵלִיפָּז	אֵלִיפָּז	אֵלִיפָּז	הַטְמָנֵן
H428	Job	Job	the LORD	H413	to Eliphaz	the Temanite
H413	H347	H559	H3068	H464	H8489	
לְאָכִילָה	רְשָׁעָה יְהִי	וּבְשָׁנָה	אָכִילָה	רְשָׁעָה יְהִי	וּבְשָׁנָה	לְאָכִילָה
is kindled	My wrath	H0	against thee and against thy two	friends	H3588	H3808
H2734	H639		H8147	H7453		
אַיּוֹב	פָּעַבְדִּים	נְכֹזֶבֶת	אַיּוֹב	פָּעַבְדִּים	נְכֹזֶבֶת	אַיּוֹב
דִּבְרַת	אֵל	הַנְּכֹזֶבֶת	אַיּוֹב	פָּעַבְדִּים	נְכֹזֶבֶת	אַיּוֹב
for ye have not spoken	H413	of me the thing that is right	as my servant	Job		
H1696		H3559	H5650	H347		

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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