

Job 42:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.

Analysis

God commands the friends: 'my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly.' This requires the accusers to seek intercession from the accused. Job's priestly function for his friends models Christ's intercession for sinners.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern mediation often required intermediaries. God's appointment of Job as intercessor reverses the friends' assumed superiority.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to pray for those who wronged you?

2. How does Job's intercession for his friends anticipate Christ's priestly work?

Interlinear Text

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| וְעַתָּה | וְשִׁבְעַת הַלְּכָם | וְשִׁבְעַת הַבָּרִים | וְשִׁבְעַת הַבָּלָד | וְשִׁבְעַת הַזְּבָבָד |
| H6258 | Therefore take | H0 | and seven | bullocks |
| | H3947 | | H7651 | H6499 |
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| | | | | H352 |
| עֹלָה | וְעַלְיָת מִאִזְבֵּן | וְעַלְיָת מִאִזְבֵּן | וְעַלְיָת מִאִזְבֵּן | וְעַלְיָת מִאִזְבֵּן |
| H1980 | and my servant | H413 | Job | and offer up |
| | H5650 | | H347 | H5927 |
| | | | | H5930 |
| אָמֵן | בְּעֵדֶךְ מִתְפָּלֵל | בְּעֵדֶךְ מִתְפָּלֵל | בְּעֵדֶךְ מִתְפָּלֵל | בְּעֵדֶךְ מִתְפָּלֵל |
| H1157 | Job | and my servant | shall pray | H5921 |
| | H347 | H5650 | H6419 | H3588 |
| | | | | H518 |
| עַמְּךָם | אֲשֶׁר אָשָׁר לְבָלָת | אֲשֶׁר אָשֶׁר לְבָלָת | אֲשֶׁר אָשֶׁר לְבָלָת | אֲשֶׁר אָשֶׁר לְבָלָת |
| for you for him | will I accept | H1115 | lest I deal | H5973 |
| H6440 | H5375 | | H6213 | |
| אַל | דִּבְרָתִם | אַל | דִּבְרָתִם | אַל |
| with you after your folly | in that ye have not spoken | H3588 | H3808 | H413 |
| H5039 | | | | |
| אִזְבֵּן | כְּעֵבֶד | אִזְבֵּן | כְּעֵבֶד | אִזְבֵּן |
| of me the thing which is right | and my servant | H3559 | Job | H347 |
| | H5650 | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 23:1 (Sacrifice): And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.

1 Chronicles 15:26 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams.

James 5:16 (Prayer): Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Job 22:30 (Parallel theme): He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

Psalms 103:10 (Parallel theme): He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Genesis 20:17 (Prayer): So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.

Ezekiel 14:14 (Parallel theme): Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

Job 42:9 (Parallel theme): So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted Job.

Matthew 3:17 (Parallel theme): And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

James 5:14 (Prayer): Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: