

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

וְעַתָּה הִ	קָחֻ	לָכֶם	וְשִׁבְעָה הִ	פָּרִים	וְשִׁבְעָה הִ	אֵילִים
H6258	Therefore take	H0	and seven	bullocks	and seven	rams
	H3947		H7651	H6499	H7651	H352
וְלֹא וְ	אֶל	כַּעֲבֹד י	אֵינִי:	וְהִעָלִיתָ מִ	עֹלָה	
H1980	H413	and my servant	Job	and offer up	for yourselves a burnt offering	
		H5650	H347	H5927	H5930	
מִבְּעֶדְכֶם	אֵינִי:	כַּעֲבֹד י	לִי יִתְפַּלֵּל	מִעֲלֶיךָ מִ	כִּי	אִם
H1157	Job	and my servant	shall pray	H5921	H3588	H518
	H347	H5650	H6419			
פָּנָיו	אֲשֶׁר אֶ	לְבַלְתִּי	עָשֵׂה וְ	עִמָּכֶם		
for you for him	will I accept	H1115	lest I deal	H5973		
H6440	H5375		H6213			
נִבְלָה הִ	כִּי	לֹא	דִּבַּרְתָּ מִ	אֵלַי		
with you after your folly	H3588	H3808	in that ye have not spoken	H413		
H5039			H1696			
נִכּוֹן הִ	כַּעֲבֹד י	אֵינִי:				
of me the thing which is right	and my servant	Job				
H3559	H5650	H347				

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: