

Job 5:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:

Analysis

Eliphaz continues: 'Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields.' Rain represents God's providential care and blessing (Deuteronomy 11:14). Eliphaz uses creation theology to support his retribution theology—if God sends rain (blessing) faithfully, He must also send drought (curse) for sin. This assumes a mechanistic relationship between righteousness and prosperity that Jesus explicitly denies (Matthew 5:45). God's providence is gracious, not merely retributive.

Historical Context

Rain was crucial for ancient Near Eastern agricultural societies, often interpreted as divine favor while drought indicated divine displeasure. Eliphaz reflects this common theological framework.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus's teaching that God sends rain on the just and unjust challenge simple retribution theology?
2. What does God's common grace teach us about the relationship between righteousness and earthly blessing?

Interlinear Text

Who giveth	rain	H5921	upon	the earth	and sendeth	waters	H5921	upon
H5414	H4306		H6440	H776	H7971	H4325		H6440

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Additional Cross-References

Acts 14:17 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

Psalms 147:8 (Parallel theme): Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

Jeremiah 14:22 (Parallel theme): Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.

Jeremiah 5:24 (Parallel theme): Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.