

Job 5:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

Analysis

God 'maketh sore, and bindeth up; he woundeth, and his hands make whole' - Eliphaz correctly identifies God's sovereignty over suffering and healing. This truth appears throughout Scripture (Deuteronomy 32:39, Hosea 6:1), yet Eliphaz misapplies it by assuming Job's repentance will immediately end his suffering.

Historical Context

The dual nature of God as both wounder and healer reflects His sovereignty over all circumstances. Ancient medicine understood that healing often requires painful treatment, a metaphor for spiritual discipline.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How have you experienced God's wounding as necessary for healing?
2. What's the difference between discipline and punishment in God's economy?

Interlinear Text

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H3588	H1931	For he maketh sore	and bindeth up	he woundeth	and his hands
	H3510		H2280	H4272	H3027

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make whole
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Additional Cross-References

Hosea 6:1 (Parallel theme): Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

Deuteronomy 32:39 (Parallel theme): See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

Isaiah 30:26 (Parallel theme): Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

Psalms 147:3 (Parallel theme): He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

1 Samuel 2:6 (Parallel theme): The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.