

# Job 5:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

## Analysis

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Eliphaz promises: 'He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.' The numbers six and seven represent completeness—God delivers from all troubles. This is true theology (Psalm 34:19), but Eliphaz misapplies it as promise of immediate relief if Job repents. Reformed theology affirms that God does deliver His people, but often through suffering rather than from it (2 Corinthians 1:9-10), and that final deliverance comes at glorification, not necessarily in this life.

## Historical Context

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The six/seven pattern appears throughout ancient Near Eastern wisdom literature as a merism representing totality. Eliphaz uses this to promise comprehensive deliverance contingent on Job's repentance from supposed sin.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How do you understand God's promise to deliver when deliverance is delayed or different than expected?
2. What does it mean that God delivers His people through suffering rather than always from suffering?

## Interlinear Text

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there shall no evil						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 34:19** (Parallel theme): Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

**1 Corinthians 10:13** (Parallel theme): There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

**Proverbs 24:16** (Evil): For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

**2 Peter 2:9** (Parallel theme): The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

**2 Corinthians 1:8** (Parallel theme): For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

