

Job 5:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.

Analysis

Eliphaz promises: 'And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.' The 'tabernacle' (tent/dwelling) represents home and family security. 'Not sin' could mean 'not miss' or 'not come to harm.' Eliphaz promises domestic tranquility and the security of finding everything intact when Job returns home. This is cruel given that Job's children are dead and his household destroyed—Eliphaz offers restoration contingent on admitting guilt for tragedies Job didn't cause.

Historical Context

The safety of one's dwelling and the security of finding everything intact upon return were highly valued in ancient Near Eastern culture, especially for semi-nomadic peoples. Eliphaz's promise would be particularly painful given Job's losses.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How do you respond to those who offer restoration contingent on confessing sins you didn't commit?
2. What does Eliphaz's insensitive promise teach us about the cruelty of false comfort?

Interlinear Text

וְיֶדְעָתָּה	תִּ	שָׁלֹום	בְּ	אֶתְלָבֶן	בְּבֵיתְךָ
And thou shalt know	H3588	shall be in peace		that thy tabernacle	and thou shalt visit
	H3045		H7965		H168

בֵּיתְךָ	אַל	תְּמַמּוֹת
thy habitation	H3808	and shalt not sin
	H5116	H2398

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 91:10 (Parallel theme): There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Job 18:6 (Temple): The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him.

Job 8:6 (Parallel theme): If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

Psalms 107:4 (Parallel theme): They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Job 18:21 (Parallel theme): Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God.

Deuteronomy 28:6 (Parallel theme): Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

