

Job 6:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

Analysis

Job explains why death would comfort him: 'Then should I yet have consolation; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.' Death would bring 'consolation' (Hebrew 'nechamah'—comfort) because Job has not denied God. The phrase 'not concealed the words of the Holy One' indicates Job has maintained orthodox faith despite suffering. His comfort in death would be knowing he died faithful—he hasn't cursed God as Satan predicted (1:11, 2:5).

Historical Context

Dying with integrity intact was highly valued in ancient Near Eastern ethics. Job's comfort in potential death rests not on escaping suffering but on maintaining faithfulness—a distinctly biblical value.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What would bring you comfort if you died today—what faithfulness have you maintained?
2. How does Job's focus on not concealing God's words shape your understanding of faithfulness in suffering?

Interlinear Text

וְתִהְיֶה	עֹדְךָ	וְנִחַמְתִּי	וְאֶסְלֵךְ	בְּחִילָה
H1961	H5750	H5165	H5539	H2427
		Then should I yet have comfort	yea I would harden	myself in sorrow
לֹא	יִחַמּוּ	כִּי	לֹא	אֶמְרֵי
H3808	H2550	H3588	H3808	H561
	let him not spare		for I have not concealed	the words
			H3582	
קְדוֹשׁ:				
of the Holy One				
H6918				

Additional Cross-References

Job 23:12 (Word): Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

Isaiah 57:15 (Holy): For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Leviticus 19:2 (Holy): Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.