

# Job 6:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass?

## Analysis

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Job continues: 'Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass?' The rhetorical questions emphasize human frailty. Job isn't stone or brass—he's flesh, vulnerable and limited. Eliphaz's exhortations ignore Job's human limitations. This challenges the stoic ideal that the wise should be unmoved by circumstance, instead affirming that embodied humans legitimately feel pain. Reformed anthropology recognizes human frailty while pointing to God's strength perfected in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

## Historical Context

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Stone and brass (bronze) represented maximum durability in ancient materials. Job's denial that he possesses such strength emphasizes his mortality and vulnerability—a countercultural admission in wisdom literature that often idealized the sage's strength.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

1. How do you balance acknowledging human frailty with trusting in God's strength?
2. What does Job's admission of weakness teach us about authentic versus pretended spirituality?

## Interlinear Text

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