

Job 6:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?

Analysis

Job concludes: 'Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?' The Hebrew allows two readings: either Job has no help within himself and wisdom has fled, or he's questioning Eliphaz's implication that this is so. Most likely Job admits he has no internal resources left—no help and no wisdom. This radical honesty about spiritual bankruptcy positions Job paradoxically for divine help, since God gives grace to the humble who acknowledge need (James 4:6).

Historical Context

Wisdom literature typically encouraged self-sufficiency and internal resources for handling life's challenges. Job's admission that wisdom has been driven from him represents profound humility or possibly despair, depending on interpretation.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to acknowledge that help is not in you and wisdom has fled?

2. How does admitting complete spiritual bankruptcy position you for divine grace?

Interlinear Text

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H518	H369	Is not my help	H0	in me and is wisdom	driven quite	H4480
		H5833		H8454	H5080	

Additional Cross-References

Job 26:2 (Parallel theme): How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength?

2 Corinthians 1:12 (Parallel theme): For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.