

Job 6:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend;
but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

Analysis

Job indicts his friends: 'To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend' - even if he 'forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.' This radical statement prioritizes compassion over theological correction. True friendship offers presence before answers, comfort before correction.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern friendship carried covenant obligations including support in crisis. Job accuses his friends of breaking this sacred bond by prioritizing theology over relationship.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How do you show compassion without endorsing wrong theology?

2. When should you offer presence instead of answers to suffering friends?

Interlinear Text

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To him that is afflicted	should be shewed from his friend	pity	the fear
H4523	H7453	H2617	H3374
שֵׁד י	יַעֲזֹב:		
of the Almighty	but he forsaketh		
H7706	H5800		

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 17:17 (Parallel theme): A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

1 Corinthians 12:26 (Parallel theme): And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

Galatians 6:2 (Parallel theme): Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Romans 12:15 (Parallel theme): Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

Luke 23:40 (Parallel theme): But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?