

Job 6:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed, and my calamity
laid in the balances together!

Analysis

Job wishes his grief could be 'thoroughly weighed' and his calamity 'laid in the balances together,' using legal/commercial imagery. This appeal to objective measurement reveals Job's conviction that his suffering is disproportionate to any possible sin. The metaphor anticipates divine justice weighing all things fairly.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern justice used balanced scales as symbols of fairness. Job appeals to this universal standard, confident his suffering outweighs any transgression.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do you measure the fairness of suffering?
2. What does it mean to trust God when His scales seem unbalanced?

Interlinear Text

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Oh that weighed weighed my grief and my calamity in the balances laid
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