

Job 6:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

Analysis

Job describes God's 'arrows' within him and the 'poison' drinking up his spirit - vivid imagery of divine assault. The terrors of God 'set themselves in array' (military language) against him. This brutal honesty about experiencing God as enemy rather than friend models authentic lament.

Historical Context

Military imagery (arrows, poison, array) depicts spiritual warfare. Job experiences God not as protector but attacker, a theme resolved only through Christ who bore God's arrows for us (Isaiah 53:4).

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. When have you experienced God as adversary rather than ally?
2. How does Christ's bearing God's judgment change our understanding of divine 'arrows'?

Interlinear Text

בְּכָל־צָרָה
H3588 For the arrows
H2671 of the Almighty
H7706 are within
H5978

אָשָׁר־בְּמִתְּמָן
H834 me the poison
H2534

שָׁתַת־הַרְוחַ
whereof drinketh up
H8354 my spirit
H7307 the terrors
H1161 of God
H433 do set themselves in array
H6186

עֲרָכָה
H6186

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 38:2 (Parallel theme): For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

Job 30:15 (Parallel theme): Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.

Psalms 143:7 (Spirit): Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Proverbs 18:14 (Spirit): The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

Job 9:17 (Parallel theme): For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause.

Mark 15:34 (References God): And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?