

Job 6:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The things that my soul refused to touch are as my sorrowful meat.

Analysis

Job declares: 'The things that my soul refused to touch are as my sorrowful meat.' Things he once rejected (perhaps referring to Eliphaz's accusations, or his suffering itself) have become his unavoidable 'food.' The Hebrew 'dawah' (sorrowful/sickening) and 'lehem' (bread/meat) suggest being forced to consume what nauseates. Job is forced to daily digest suffering and false accusations—to live with what his soul rejects. This pictures the involuntary nature of suffering.

Historical Context

Being forced to consume repulsive food appears in ancient Near Eastern literature as a metaphor for unbearable circumstances. Job uses this to emphasize that his suffering isn't chosen but imposed.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when forced to daily 'consume' circumstances that nauseate your soul?

2. What does Job's metaphor teach us about the involuntary nature of suffering?

Interlinear Text

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