

# Job 8:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

## Analysis

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Bildad's promise 'If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee' reveals theology of immediate retribution. The conditional 'if' denies Job's actual innocence, while 'surely' expresses confidence in simplistic cause-and-effect. This theology cannot account for innocent suffering or delayed vindication.

## Historical Context

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Ancient wisdom often taught immediate consequences for sin/righteousness, but Job challenges this timeline. Bildad's certainty ('surely') reveals pride in human understanding of divine ways.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. When have you expected immediate results from righteousness?
2. How do you maintain faith when God doesn't 'awake' on your timeline?

## Interlinear Text

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אִם            יָהָרָה            וְיָשָׁר            אֶתְהָא            כִּי            עֲתֵהָ  
H518        H2134        H3477        H859        H3588        H6258  
**If thou wert pure and upright**  
  
יָעַר            עָלָיָה            וְשָׁלֵם            נָתַתְּ  
H5782        H5921        H7999        H5116  
**surely now he would awake prosperous for thee and make the habitation**  
  
צִדְקָתְךָ:  
**of thy righteousness**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 51:9** (Parallel theme): Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?

**Isaiah 3:10** (Righteousness): Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

**Job 5:24** (Parallel theme): And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.

**Proverbs 15:8** (Parallel theme): The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

**Psalms 7:6** (Parallel theme): Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.

**Job 16:17** (Righteousness): Not for any injustice in mine hands: also my prayer is pure.

**Isaiah 1:15** (Parallel theme): And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

**Psalms 44:23** (Parallel theme): Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.

**Job 1:8** (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

**1 Timothy 2:8** (Parallel theme): I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.