

Lamentations 3:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.

Analysis

Turning the other cheek—accepting insult without retaliation. Jesus teaches this (Matthew 5:39, Luke 6:29). Redemptive suffering.

Historical Context

Exile meant accepting humiliation from captors. Jeremiah counseled peaceful submission to minimize suffering.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does non-retaliation demonstrate trust in divine justice?
2. What does turning the other cheek to insults teach about bearing reproach for covenant faithfulness?
3. How does willingly accepting shame relate to Christ's suffering and the believer's call?

Interlinear Text

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with reproach him he is filled full his cheek to him that smiteth He giveth H5414 H5221 H3895 H7646 H2781

Additional Cross-References

Job 16:10 (Parallel theme): They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.

Isaiah 50:6 (Parallel theme): I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Matthew 5:39 (Parallel theme): But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Matthew 26:67 (Parallel theme): Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,

2 Corinthians 11:20 (Parallel theme): For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.

Psalms 123:3 (Parallel theme): Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

Psalms 69:20 (Parallel theme): Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

Luke 6:29 (Parallel theme): And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also.

Micah 5:1 (Parallel theme): Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

