

# Isaiah 30:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

## Analysis

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**Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path** (סורו מן־דרכך הטו מן־ארח/suru minnei-derekh hattu minnei-orach)—Double command to prophets: depart (sur) from the way (derekh), turn aside (natah) from the path (orach). They want God's messengers to get out of their way, stop blocking their chosen course. The imagery is vivid: prophets standing in their path to Egypt, and they're shouting "Move! Get out of our way!" They're determined to pursue their plan regardless of prophetic warnings.

**Cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us** (השביתו מפנינו את־קדוש/השביתו/hasbиту mippanenu et-qedosh yisra'el)—Ultimate rebellion: make the Holy One (Qedosh Yisra'el, Isaiah's favorite title for God, appearing 25 times in his prophecy) cease (shavat, to stop, desist) from before them. They don't want to hear about God anymore. Stop mentioning Him. Stop invoking His authority. Stop confronting us with His holiness. This is practical atheism: we don't necessarily deny God's existence, but we don't want Him interfering with our plans. Silence God's voice; banish His presence; proceed without His meddling. This reveals sin's deepest desire: autonomy from God, freedom from His lordship, life without His "interference."

## Historical Context

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This demand to silence prophets and ignore God reached its apex in Jeremiah's day, when prophets were imprisoned (Jeremiah 37:15), threatened with death

(Jeremiah 26:8), and ultimately killed (Jeremiah 26:23). Israel's history shows escalating rejection: ignoring prophets, mocking them, persecuting them, murdering them. Jesus summarized this pattern: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee" (Matthew 23:37). Demanding that the Holy One of Israel "cease from before us" anticipates the ultimate rejection: "We will not have this man to reign over us" (Luke 19:14). Every attempt to silence God's messengers expresses the same desire: autonomy from divine authority, freedom to pursue our own way without accountability to the Holy One.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How do you tell God to 'get out of the way' when His will conflicts with your plans?
2. What does it reveal about our hearts when we want 'the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us'—to stop confronting us with His holiness?
3. How does silencing God's voice through avoiding Scripture, prayer, and godly counsel lead to spiritual disaster?

## Interlinear Text

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ס וִרָו	מִנִּי	דָּרְךְ	הִטּוּ	מִנִּי	אֶרֶח	הִשָּׁב יָתוּ
<b>Get you out</b>	H4480	<b>of the way</b>	<b>turn aside</b>	H4480	<b>out of the path</b>	<b>to cease</b>
H5493		H1870	H5186		H734	H7673
מִפְּנֵי יָנוּ	אֶת	קִד וְשׁ	יִשְׂרָאֵל:			
<b>from before</b>	H853	<b>cause the Holy One</b>	<b>of Israel</b>			
H6440		H6918	H3478			

