

# Isaiah 40:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

## Analysis

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God addresses Israel's ('Jacob' and 'Israel' emphasize covenant relationship) complaint that God has neglected their plight. The Hebrew 'mishpat' (justice/cause) and 'derek' (way) suggest they felt overlooked and mistreated. This complaint reveals a failure to remember God's revealed character and power, leading to practical atheism despite theological orthodoxy.

## Historical Context

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This reflects the exiles' discouragement during the long Babylonian captivity, questioning whether God still cared or would act on their behalf. Their circumstances tempted them to doubt His covenant faithfulness.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

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

## Study Questions

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1. In what ways do your complaints reveal a failure to trust God's character and promises?
2. How does suffering tempt you to believe God has forgotten or doesn't care about your situation?

## Interlinear Text

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דַּרְכֵי	נִסְתָּרָה	יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְתִדְבֶּר	יַעֲקֹב	תֹּאמַר	לָמָּה
						H4100
		O Israel	and speakest	thou O Jacob	Why sayest	
		H3478	H1696	H3290	H559	
יַעֲבֹר:	מִשְׁפָּטִי	וּמֵאֵלֵהִי	מִיְהוָה			
is passed over	and my judgment	from my God	from the LORD			
H5674	H4941	H430	H3068			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 49:4** (Judgment): Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.

**Isaiah 49:14** (References Lord): But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

**Job 27:2** (Judgment): As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul;