

# 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

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

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

**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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דָּרְכִּי	נִסְתַּבֵּח	ה	יִשְׁרָאֵל	לְ	מִהָּ
H4100	Why sayest	thou O Jacob	and speakest	O Israel	is hid
H559		H3290	H1696	H3478	H5641
from the LORD	from my God	and my judgment	is passed over		
H3068	H430	H4941	H5674		
מִשְׁפָּט	וּמְאָלֵה	מִיהָרָה	יִשְׁבֹּרֶךְ		

## 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;