

# Job 1:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

## Analysis

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This verse provides the narrator's theological verdict: Job 'sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.' The Hebrew 'tiflah' (folly/tastelessness) indicates Job avoided attributing moral unfitness to God. This is crucial—Job doesn't understand God's purposes, but he doesn't accuse God of injustice. Reformed theology affirms that we need not comprehend God's ways to trust His character (Isaiah 55:8-9). Job's response models how believers should distinguish between honest questioning and sinful accusation.

## Historical Context

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In ancient Near Eastern wisdom literature, righteous sufferers often eventually accused the gods of injustice or randomness. Job's restraint is remarkable and countercultural for his context.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do you maintain the distinction between honest wrestling with God and sinful accusation against Him?
2. What does it mean practically to avoid 'charging God foolishly' while still expressing grief and confusion?

## Interlinear Text

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H3605	H2063	H3808	sinned	In all this	Job	H3808	not nor charged	foolishly
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## Additional Cross-References

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**James 1:12** (Parallel theme): Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

**Job 2:10** (Sin): But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

**1 Peter 1:7** (Parallel theme): That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

**Romans 9:20** (References God): Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

**James 1:4** (Parallel theme): But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

