

Job 10:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.

Analysis

Job boldly asks God: 'I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.' This direct address demands explanation, treating God as a covenant partner bound by justice. The plea 'shew me' reveals faith that God has reasons even if hidden.

Historical Context

Job's legal language ('condemn,' 'contendest') reflects covenant relationship where both parties have obligations. Ancient Near Eastern treaties included dispute resolution procedures Job invokes here.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. Is it proper to demand explanations from God for suffering?
2. How do covenant promises give believers standing to question God?

Interlinear Text

אֶמַר	אֶל	אֵל לֹהֶ	אֵל	תִּשְׁפֹּט נִי	הָ, וְדִיעַ נִי	עַל	מֵה
I will say	H413	unto God	H408	Do not condemn	me shew	H5921	H4100
H559		H433		H7561	H3045		
תִּרְיָבִנִּי:							
me wherefore thou contendest							
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 143:2 (Parallel theme): And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Job 9:29 (Parallel theme): If I be wicked, why then labour I in vain?