

# Job 11:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:

## Analysis

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Zophar promises that if Job repents, he'll 'lift up [his] face without spot' (מוֹם, mum—blemish, defect), be 'stedfast' (יָצֵק, yatsaq—poured out, solid, secure), and fearless. This describes the confidence of a clear conscience (1 John 3:21, Hebrews 10:22). The theology isn't false—confession does bring peace (Psalm 32:1-5, 1 John 1:9). The error is the assumption that Job's suffering proves he lacks this innocence. Zophar offers conditional grace: perform repentance, receive blessing. But biblical grace is unconditional (Romans 5:8). Job's later restoration comes not from repentance for imaginary sins but from God's sovereign mercy. The Reformed emphasis on justification by faith alone refutes Zophar's works-righteousness.

## Historical Context

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Ancient wisdom literature often promised that righteous behavior would lead to prosperity and peace. Zophar operates within this retribution paradigm, which Job's experience will complicate and ultimately transcend.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do we distinguish between the confidence of a clear conscience and false assurance based on works?
2. In what ways do we subtly make God's acceptance conditional on our performance?

## Interlinear Text

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H3588	H227	<b>For then shalt thou lift up</b>	<b>thy face</b>	<b>without spot</b>	H1961
		H5375	H6440	H3971	
	יְהִי אֱלֹהִים	וְלֹא	תִירָא:		
	<b>yea thou shalt be stedfast</b>	H3808	<b>and shalt not fear</b>		
	H3332		H3372		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 22:26** (Parallel theme): For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God.

**1 John 2:28** (Parallel theme): And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.