

# Job 11:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified?

## Analysis

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Zophar attacks Job's defense: 'Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified?' This rhetorical question dismisses Job's lament as mere verbosity. Zophar represents those who mistake words for wisdom and confuse suffering with sin.

## Historical Context

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Ancient wisdom valued brevity, but Zophar uses this principle to silence legitimate complaint. His implication that 'multitude of words' equals guilt reveals prejudice against honest lament.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. When have you dismissed someone's pain because they spoke too much?
2. How do you discern between authentic lament and empty complaint?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּרִבּוֹת	לֹא	יִשְׁרָאֵל	וְאִם	אֲשֶׁר
Should not the multitude	of words	be answered	and should a man	
H7230	H1697	H3808	H518	H376
אָתָּה שְׁפַט אֶת־לִבּוֹ full of talk be justified				
H8193	H6663			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 18:2** (Word): How long will it be ere ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.

**Proverbs 10:19** (Word): In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.