

# Job 11:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee;

## Analysis

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Zophar wishes God 'would speak, and open his lips against thee' - ironically, God will speak (chapters 38-41) but to rebuke Zophar and his friends, not Job. This dramatic irony shows how confident theological systems can blind us to spiritual reality.

## Historical Context

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Ancient legal disputes appealed to higher authorities for resolution. Zophar's certainty that God would condemn Job makes his eventual rebuke (42:7) particularly striking.

## Related Passages

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

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. When has God's actual answer differed from your theological expectations?
2. How does this passage warn against presuming to know God's verdict?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֵלֹהִים יְהִי כְּלָבֶד וְאֵל וְהַמִּתְּבָרֵךְ שְׁפָט יְהִי וְיִפְתַּח חַדְשָׁתְּבָרֵךְ

**But** H4310 **oh that** H5414 **God** H433 **would speak** H1696 **and open** H6605 **his lips** H5973

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