

Job 11:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

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

וְאֵל	מִי	יֵיתָן	אֵלֹהִים	יִדְבַּר	וַיִּפְתָּח	שִׁפְתָּיו	עֲמָן:
But	H4310	oh that	God	would speak	and open	his lips	H5973
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