

# Job 12:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I am as one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God,  
and he answereth him: the just upright man is laughed to  
scorn.

## Analysis

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Job laments 'I am as one mocked of his neighbour' - the righteous become objects of ridicule. The phrase 'the just upright man is laughed to scorn' captures the world's incomprehension of innocent suffering. This anticipates Christ's mockery at the cross (Matthew 27:39-44).

## Historical Context

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Ancient honor-shame cultures made mockery particularly painful. Job's experience of scorn despite righteousness reveals the world's moral inversion where virtue provokes contempt rather than respect.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do you maintain integrity when righteousness brings mockery rather than respect?

2. In what ways does Christ's experience of scorn comfort you in unjust suffering?

## Interlinear Text

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I am as one mocked	of his neighbour	H1961	who calleth	upon God
H7814	H7453		H7121	H433
וַיַּעַן הוּא	שׁ ח וּק	צַדִּיק	תְּמִימִים:	
and he answereth	I am as one mocked	him the just	upright	
H6030	H7814	H6662	H8549	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 91:15** (Parallel theme): He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

**Job 30:1** (Parallel theme): But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

**Job 21:3** (Parallel theme): Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on.

**Job 17:6** (Parallel theme): He hath made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a tabret.

**Job 17:2** (Parallel theme): Are there not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation?

**Job 16:10** (Parallel theme): They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.