

Job 14:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?' Job marvels that God would fix His 'eyes' (עֵינָיו, *eynekha*) on frail humanity ('such an one') and bring them into 'judgment' (מִשְׁפָּט, *mishpat*). The question echoes Psalm 8:4—why does God notice humans? But Job's tone differs—not wonder at divine care but perplexity at divine scrutiny. Why would the infinite God judge finite creatures so strictly? This anticipates the Gospel mystery: God does fix His eyes on us, but in Christ faces judgment in our place. Job's question reveals the scandal of both judgment and grace—that God cares enough to hold us accountable yet merciful enough to provide redemption.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern religions featured distant, unconcerned deities. Job here wrestles with the opposite problem—a God so attentive He notices and judges human frailty. The biblical God's involvement creates both comfort and terror.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do we process the scandal that God cares enough to judge us?
2. What does divine attention to human sin reveal about both God's holiness and His care?

Interlinear Text

אֶף	עַל	זֶה	פָּקַד חַטָּאתְךָ	עֵינֶיךָ	וְאֵת יְיָ
H637	H5921		H6491	H5869	H853
		upon such an one	And dost thou open	thine eyes	
		H2088			
וְיָבִיא	בְּמִשְׁפָּט	ט	עֲמָךְ:		
			H5973		
and bringest	me into judgment				
H935	H4941				

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 144:3 (Parallel theme): LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

Psalms 143:2 (Judgment): And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Psalms 8:4 (Parallel theme): What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?