

# Job 14:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?

## Analysis

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'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' (עֵינֶיךָ, 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

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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

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

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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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

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אָתִי עַל אֹתָהּ וְעָנָה עַל עַמְשָׁפֵט תְּבִיא  
H637 H5921 upon such an one And dost thou open thine eyes H853  
H2088 H6491 H5869

וְעָנָה עַל עַמְשָׁפֵט תְּבִיא  
and bringest me into judgment H5973  
H935 H4941

## Additional Cross-References

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**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?

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