

# Job 18:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

How long will it be ere ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.

## Analysis

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Bildad's impatient question: 'How long will it be ere ye make an end of words?' dismisses Job's defense as endless verbosity. This reflects the friends' increasing frustration that Job won't accept their theology. True comfort requires patience; impatience reveals self-interest.

## Historical Context

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Ancient debate valued conciseness, but Bildad uses this principle to silence legitimate defense. His impatience reveals more concern for winning arguments than comforting friends.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. When does patience in listening become more important than winning theological arguments?
2. How do you discern between necessary explanation and endless words?

## Interlinear Text

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עַד	אָ נָהוּ	תְּשִׁימ וּן	קִנְיָ י	לְמַלּ ין	תָּ ב ינו
<b>How long</b>	H575	<b>will it be ere ye make</b>	<b>an end</b>	<b>of words</b>	<b>mark</b>
H5704		H7760	H7078	H4405	H995
וְאַחֲרָי	נִדְבָר:				
<b>and afterwards</b>	<b>we will speak</b>				
H310	H1696				

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