

# Job 19:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me.

## Analysis

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Children mock Job: 'Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me.' Being mocked by children represents ultimate humiliation—those who should respect elders instead despise him. The Hebrew 'bazah' (despise) suggests contempt, not mere disrespect. This anticipates Christ's humiliation, mocked by those He came to save. Job's experience of comprehensive rejection prefigures the Suffering Servant.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern culture valued respect for elders highly. Children mocking adults represented social breakdown and severe disrespect. That Job, formerly honored, now faces children's contempt shows his complete fall from social status.

## Related Passages

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

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

1. How does Christ's experience of mockery and contempt transform our understanding of humiliation?
2. What does it mean that suffering can invert all normal social hierarchies?
3. How do we maintain dignity when treated with contempt?

## Interlinear Text

בָּנִים	יְזִבְרוּ	אָקְרָבָה	בְּ	מִאָסָה	עַיִלִים	גָּם
H1571 Yea young children	despised	me I arose	H0	and they spake	H1696	H0

## Additional Cross-References

**2 Kings 2:23** (Parallel theme): And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.

**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 30:12** (Parallel theme): Upon my right hand rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

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