

# Job 21:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens,

## Analysis

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Job appeals to experience: 'Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens?' Job challenges his friends to ask travelers who've observed widely. Don't rely only on local, limited observation—ask those who've traveled and seen more. Their 'tokens' (evidence/testimony) would confirm Job's observations about wicked prosperity and righteous suffering. Broader experience challenges narrow theology.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern cultures valued travelers' testimony—those who'd seen different lands and peoples brought valuable perspective. Job appeals to this—don't trust only your limited local observation, ask those who've seen more widely.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does broad experience and observation refine theological understanding?

2. What dangers arise from basing theology only on limited personal experience?
3. How do we balance revealed truth with observational wisdom?

## Interlinear Text

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H3808	<b>Have ye not asked</b>	<b>them that go</b>	<b>by the way</b>	<b>their tokens</b>	H3808
	H7592	H5674	H1870	H226	

  

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**and do ye not know**

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 129:8** (Parallel theme): Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD be upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.