

# Job 21:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As for me, is my complaint to man? and if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled?

## Analysis

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Job clarifies his complaint: 'As for me, is my complaint to man? and if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled?' This distinguishes between complaints about humans versus theological questions for God. Job's trouble is existential, not merely social.

## Historical Context

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Ancient wisdom distinguished between human and divine concerns. Job's clarification shows his questions address ultimate meaning, not just interpersonal conflict.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What's the difference between complaining about circumstances and questioning God?
2. How do you identify when your troubles are existential versus practical?

## Interlinear Text

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הָאֲנֹכִי	לְאָדָם	שִׁיחִי	וְאֵם	מִדָּוַע	לֹא	תִקְצַר
H595	to man	As for me is my complaint	H518	H4069	H3808	be troubled
	H120	H7879				H7114

רוּחִי:  
and if it were so why should not my spirit  
H7307

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 42:11** (Parallel theme): Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.