

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

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

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

Related Passages

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

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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As for me is my complaint to man

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and if it were so why should not my spirit

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Additional Cross-References

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.

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