

Job 23:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!

Analysis

Job's longing: 'Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!' This desire for direct divine encounter shows faith that persists despite God's apparent absence. Job wants audience, not explanation through intermediaries.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern legal systems allowed direct appeal to kings/judges. Job's desire for God's 'seat' (throne/judgment seat) reveals confidence in eventual justice.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to seek God when He seems absent?
2. How do you maintain faith in God's justice when you can't find Him?

Interlinear Text

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H4310	Oh that	I knew	where I might find	him! that I might come	H5704
	H5414	H3045	H4672	H935	
תְּכַוְּנֶנּוּ:					
even to his seat					
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Additional Cross-References

Job 13:3 (Parallel theme): Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

Job 16:21 (Parallel theme): O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour!