

# 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

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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

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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

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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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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מִי | יְדַעְתִּי | אֵי | אֵיתֶצְאָה | הָוֶה | אֵבֶן | אֵבֶן | עַד

H4310 **Oh that** H5414      **I knew** H3045      **where I might find** H4672      **him! that I might come** H935      H5704

תְּכַנְתָּהוּ:

**even to his seat**

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## Additional Cross-References

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**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!

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