

# Job 24:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly to them.

## Analysis

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Job observes: 'Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly to them.' This notes that human suffering elicits cries but God doesn't immediately judge the oppressors. The mystery of delayed divine response troubles Job.

## Historical Context

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Ancient cities featured oppression alongside prosperity. Job's observation of groaning without divine intervention challenges simplistic theology of immediate retribution.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How do you explain innocent suffering when God seems to 'lay not folly' to oppressors?
2. What does God's patience with wicked oppressors reveal about His character?

## Interlinear Text

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מֵעִיר	אֲנֹכִי קוֹמֵת יָמָא	וְנַפְשִׁי	וְלִבִּי יָמָא	וְתִשְׁעוּ עַל	
from out of the city	Men	groan	and the soul	of the wounded	crieth out
H5892	H4962	H5008	H5315	H2491	H7768
וְאֵל אֵלֶּי	לֹא יֵשֶׁב יָמָא	וְלֹא יֵשֶׁב יָמָא			
yet God	layeth	not folly			
H433	H3808	H7760	H8604		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ecclesiastes 4:1** (Parallel theme): So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter.