

# 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

מְעִיר	מַתִּימָן	וְנֶפֶשׁ	וְנֶאֱלֹהִים	מְלָלִים	תְּשׁוּעָה
<b>from out of the city</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>groan</b>	<b>and the soul</b>	<b>of the wounded</b>	<b>crieth out</b>
H5892	H4962	H5008	H5315	H2491	H7768

## Additional Cross-References

**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.

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