

# Job 29:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

## Analysis

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Job's former status: 'I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.' This describes Job's leadership and compassion - he guided others and comforted the afflicted. The irony is sharp: the comforter now needs comfort.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern elders provided both judicial and pastoral leadership. Job's dual role (judge/comforter) reflects ideal leadership combining justice and mercy.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does experiencing suffering qualify you to comfort others?
2. What leadership qualities combine justice with compassion?

## Interlinear Text

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בָּגָד וְדָבַת לְגַם | אֲשָׁכֹן רֵאשׁ וְאַשְׁ בְּדָרְכָם אָבָם רֵ

I chose out their way and sat chief and dwelt as a king in the army

H977

אֲבָם רֵ

H1870

וְאַשְׁ בְּדָרְכָם

H3427

רֵאשׁ וְאַשְׁ

H7218

רֵאשׁ וְאַשְׁכֹן

H7931

כְּתַת לְגַם

H4428

כְּתַת לְגַם

H1416

פָּאָשׁ רֵ אָבָל יְמִינְתָּם:

H834

the mourners

H57

אָבָל יְמִינְתָּם:

H5162

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 41:40** (Parallel theme): Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

**Judges 11:8** (Parallel theme): And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

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