

# Job 30:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not.

## Analysis

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Job addresses God: 'I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not.' This describes prayer's apparent futility - crying without answer, standing without divine regard. The silence of heaven intensifies suffering.

## Historical Context

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Ancient prayer assumed divine hearing and response. Job's experience of divine silence challenges this assumption while maintaining prayer.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do you persist in prayer when God seems not to hear?
2. What does divine silence teach about faith?

## Interlinear Text

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I cry

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תִּשְׁמַע נִ

unto thee and thou dost not hear

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עַמְּדָה מִ

me I stand up

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and thou regardest

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 19:7** (Parallel theme): Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but there is no judgment.

**Psalms 22:2** (Parallel theme): O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

**Job 27:9** (Parallel theme): Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

**Matthew 15:23** (Parallel theme): But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

**Lamentations 3:8** (Parallel theme): Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer.

**Lamentations 3:44** (Parallel theme): Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through.