

# Job 37:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

## Analysis

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Elihu concludes: 'Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice, he will not afflict.' This final statement affirms divine justice and power while claiming God doesn't afflict without cause - yet this is precisely what Job's case challenges.

## Historical Context

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Ancient theodicy insisted on divine justice. Elihu's conclusion is orthodox but the book's resolution shows his understanding was incomplete.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do you balance belief in God's justice with recognition of innocent suffering?
2. What does it mean that we 'cannot find him out'?

## Interlinear Text

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Touching the Almighty	H3808	we cannot find him out	he is excellent	in power
H7706		H4672	H7689	H3581
וּמִשְׁפָּט	וְרֵב	לֹא צֶדֶק ה	יַעֲנֶה:	
and in judgment	and in plenty	of justice	he will not afflict	
H4941	H7230	H6666	H6031	

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Timothy 6:16** (Parallel theme): Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

**Psalms 99:4** (Righteousness): The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

**Job 36:5** (Parallel theme): Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.

**Romans 11:33** (Judgment): O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

**Job 9:4** (Parallel theme): He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?

**Isaiah 63:9** (Parallel theme): In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

**Isaiah 45:21** (Righteousness): Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

**Psalms 30:5** (Parallel theme): For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

**Job 11:7** (Parallel theme): Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

**Ezekiel 18:32** (Parallel theme): For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

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