

# Job 5:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn?

## Analysis

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Eliphaz challenges Job: 'Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn?' The Hebrew 'qadosh' (saints/holy ones) likely refers to angels rather than deceased righteous humans. Eliphaz sarcastically suggests Job's situation is so hopeless that even angelic intervention won't help—a cruel mockery of Job's suffering. This reveals how religious people can use theology as a weapon to wound rather than a balm to heal.

## Historical Context

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Appeals to angelic or divine beings for intervention appear throughout ancient Near Eastern literature. Eliphaz's sarcasm suggests he believes Job's case is beyond even heavenly help, implying Job's guilt is obvious and extreme.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

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

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How do you guard against using theological truth as a weapon rather than medicine?
2. When have you felt so abandoned that even prayer seemed futile? How did you persevere?

## Interlinear Text

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Call	H4994	now if there be	any that will answer	H413	H4310
H7121		H3426	H6030		
מִקְדָּשׁ יִם			תִּפְּנֶה:		
thee and to which of the saints			wilt thou turn		
H6918			H6437		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 15:15** (Holy): Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

**Job 4:18** (Parallel theme): Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly: