

# Job 5:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:

## Analysis

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Eliphaz's advice 'I would seek unto God' assumes Job hasn't already done so, adding insult to injury. The counsel itself is sound - seeking God in trouble aligns with Scripture - but the implication that Job's suffering stems from prayerlessness reveals the friends' fundamental misunderstanding.

## Historical Context

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Ancient wisdom emphasized seeking divine help, but Eliphaz wrongly assumes distance from God causes suffering. The book challenges this assumption while affirming the importance of prayer.

## 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 avoid making assumptions about others' relationship with God?
2. When has good advice been unhelpful because it misunderstood your situation?

## Interlinear Text

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אֶל־	אֶנִּי	אֶדְרֹשׁ	אֵל	אֵל	וְאֵל	אֶל־יְהוָה
<b>I would seek</b>	H589	H1875	H413	<b>unto God</b>	H413	<b>and unto God</b>
H199				H410		H430
אֶשׁׁ	יְהוָה	אֶשׁׁ	אֶשׁׁ	אֶשׁׁ	אֶשׁׁ	אֶשׁׁ
<b>would I commit</b>		<b>my cause</b>				
H7760		H1700				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 50:15** (Parallel theme): And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

**Job 22:21** (Parallel theme): Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

**Psalms 37:5** (Parallel theme): Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

**1 Peter 4:19** (References God): Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

**Job 22:27** (Parallel theme): Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

**1 Peter 2:23** (Parallel theme): Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

**2 Timothy 1:12** (Parallel theme): For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

**Job 8:5** (References God): If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty;

