

# Job 7:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

## Analysis

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Job refuses to restrain his speech: 'I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.' This commitment to honest prayer models authentic relationship with God. Lament is not rebellion but faith that God can handle our hardest questions.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern piety often emphasized stoic acceptance, but biblical lament makes room for emotional honesty. Job's complaint becomes the basis for relationship rather than its breakdown.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

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

## Study Questions

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1. What complaints have you been afraid to voice to God?
2. How does honest lament deepen rather than damage relationship with God?

## Interlinear Text

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גַם	אָנָי	לְאַ	אָחַשׁ	נִ	אָדַבְתָּה	גַּ	אָדַבְתָּה
H1571	H589	H3808	Therefore I will not refrain	H2820	my mouth	H6310	I will speak
							H1696
בְּפִשְׁעֵי	בְּמִרְאֵת	אֲשֶׁר	יִתְהַבֵּשׁ	רֹוחַ	בְּצֵר		
in the anguish	of my spirit	I will complain		in the bitterness	of my soul		
H6862	H7307	H7878		H4751	H5315		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 40:9** (Parallel theme): I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

**Job 10:1** (Parallel theme): My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

**1 Samuel 1:10** (Parallel theme): And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

**Isaiah 38:17** (Parallel theme): Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

**Isaiah 38:15** (Parallel theme): What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.

**Job 21:25** (Parallel theme): And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

**Job 16:6** (Parallel theme): Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and though I forbear, what am I eased?

**Job 10:15** (Parallel theme): If I be wicked, woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction;

**Job 13:13** (Parallel theme): Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will.

**Job 6:26** (Parallel theme): Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which are as wind?