

# Job 8:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?

## Analysis

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Bildad begins with rhetorical aggression: 'How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?' He dismisses Job's lament as empty rhetoric, revealing impatience with suffering that doesn't conform to theological categories.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern debate featured strong rhetoric, but Bildad's impatience violates wisdom's call for careful listening. His 'strong wind' accusation echoes Job's own wind imagery (7:7) but weaponizes it.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. When have you dismissed someone's suffering because it challenged your theology?
2. How do you balance doctrinal conviction with compassionate listening?

## Interlinear Text

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long		How	wilt thou speak	H428	wind	be like a strong
H5704		H575	H4448		H7307	H3524
			אֲמָרִי	פִּיָּךְ:		
			these things and how long shall the words	of thy mouth		
			H561	H6310		

## Additional Cross-References

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

**Job 15:2** (Parallel theme): Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

**1 Kings 19:11** (Parallel theme): And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: