

# 1 Samuel 12:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers.

## Analysis

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Samuel summons Israel to 'stand still' (yatsab - to station oneself, take a firm position) for a legal proceeding. He will 'reason' (shaphat - the same root as 'judge') with them concerning 'all the righteous acts of the LORD.' The phrase tsidqoth Yahweh refers to God's covenant faithfulness demonstrated through saving acts. Samuel functions as both prosecutor and witness, presenting evidence of divine faithfulness against which Israel's request for a king appears as covenant betrayal.

## Historical Context

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The covenant lawsuit (Hebrew rib) form was a prophetic genre where God indicted Israel for covenant violations. Micah 6:1-8 and Isaiah 1:2-20 provide later examples. Samuel pioneered this prophetic form that would characterize Israel's writing prophets.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Romans 2:1 — Judging others

### Study Questions

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1. How does reviewing God's faithful acts in history inform our present decisions?
2. What 'righteous acts of the LORD' in your life should prevent you from seeking illegitimate securities?

### Interlinear Text

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וְעַתָּה ה	הִתְיַצֵּב ו	וְאֲשַׁפֵּט ה	אֶתְּךָ מ	לִפְנֵי י
H6258	<b>Now therefore stand still</b>	<b>that I may reason</b>	H854	<b>with you before</b>
	H3320	H8199		H6440
יְהוָה ה	כָּל אֵת	צִדְקָה וְ	יְהוָה ה	אֲשֶׁר
<b>of the LORD</b>	H853	H3605	<b>of all the righteous acts</b>	<b>of the LORD</b>
H3068			H6666	H3068
עָשָׂה ה	אֶתְּךָ מ	אֶתְּךָ מ	אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם:	
<b>which he did</b>	H854	H854	<b>to you and to your fathers</b>	
H6213			H1	

### Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 1:18** (References Lord): Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.