

Isaiah 50:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.

Analysis

The rhetorical question 'Who will contend with me?' challenges any to accuse the Servant whom God justifies. The legal imagery ('let us stand together...mine adversary') depicts a courtroom where God as judge acquits. Paul directly quotes this in Romans 8:33-34, establishing that Christ's justified status extends to believers - if God justifies, no accusation stands.

Historical Context

The Servant faced false accusations (Matthew 26:59-60), but God's vindication through resurrection overruled all charges. This courtroom victory guarantees believers' legal standing - Satan's accusations are null when God declares 'not guilty' (Zechariah 3:1-5).

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. When Satan accuses you, how does God's justification in Christ answer every charge?
2. What does it mean that no one can bring effective accusation against those God has justified?

Interlinear Text

קָרוֹב	מַצְדִּיק י	מִי	יָרִיב	אֶת־י	בְּעִמָּדָה
He is near	that justifieth	H4310	me who will contend	H854	with me let us stand
H7138	H6663		H7378		H5975
יָחַד	מִי	בְּעַל	מִשְׁפָּט י	יָגֵשׁ	אֵלַי:
together	H4310	who is mine adversary	H4941	let him come near	H413
H3162		H1167		H5066	

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 41:1 (Parallel theme): Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment.

Revelation 12:10 (Parallel theme): And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Isaiah 43:26 (Righteousness): Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

Isaiah 41:21 (Parallel theme): Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.