

# Job 13:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified.

## Analysis

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Job's legal confidence: 'Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified.' The word 'ordered' (arak) is military language for arranging battle lines. Job approaches God's court with confidence in eventual vindication, modeling faith that transcends circumstances.

## Historical Context

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Ancient legal proceedings required careful preparation and arrangement of evidence. Job's confidence ('I know') reflects covenant faith that God's justice will ultimately prevail.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What does it mean to 'order your cause' before God?
2. How do you maintain confidence in eventual vindication during present condemnation?

## Interlinear Text

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אַתְּ אָנֹכִי הַבְּנָה

H2009

H4994

Behold now I have ordered

H6186

עַבְּכָתִי

מִשְׁפָּט

my cause

H4941

אֶדְעָתִי

I know

H3045

אַתְּ כִּי יְדַעְתִּי

H3588

H589

אֲצַלְתִּי

that I shall be justified

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 23:4** (Parallel theme): I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

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

**Job 16:21** (Parallel theme): O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour!

**Job 9:20** (Righteousness): If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.

**2 Corinthians 1:12** (Parallel theme): For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.