

Job 13:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

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

הִנֵּה	נָ א	עַר כְּתִי	ט מִשְׁפָּ	יָ יָד עֲתִי	כִּי	אֲנִי
H2009	H4994	Behold now I have ordered	my cause	I know	H3588	H589
		H6186	H4941	H3045		
:אֶצְדָּק:						
that I shall be justified						
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Additional Cross-References

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.