

# Job 21:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.

## Analysis

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Job knows his friends' thoughts: 'Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.' Job reads his friends accurately—he understands their theological framework and its false application to him. The 'devices' suggest schemes or plans—they're actively constructing arguments against him. The adverb 'wrongfully' (Hebrew 'chamas'—violence/wrong) suggests their theological violence compounds his suffering.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern dialogues involved strategic argumentation. Job recognizes his friends aren't merely misunderstanding him but actively constructing cases against him. Their theological certainty has made them adversaries rather than comforters.

## Related Passages

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

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How do we recognize when others have closed their minds to our actual situation?
2. What damage occurs when theology becomes weapon rather than tool for understanding?
3. How do we help those whose friends have become theological adversaries?

## Interlinear Text

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H2005	<b>Behold I know</b>	<b>your thoughts</b>	<b>and the devices</b>	H5921
	H3045	H4284	H4209	
תַּחְמֹסוּ:				
<b>which ye wrongfully imagine</b>				
H2554				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 119:86** (Parallel theme): All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

**Luke 5:22** (Parallel theme): But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?