

# Job 27:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.

## Analysis

Job vows: 'God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.' The phrase chalilah li (חֲלִילָה לִי, God forbid) is a strong denial —'far be it from me.' The verb tsadaq (צַדָּק, justify) means to declare righteous or vindicate. Job refuses to validate his friends' false accusations even to end the argument. The phrase 'till I die I will not remove mine integrity' (ad-egva lo-asir tummati mimmenni, עד־אֶגְבָּע לֹא־אָסִיר תָּמִימִיתִי מִמְּנִי) shows absolute commitment to truth. Job would rather die maintaining innocence than live confessing false guilt.

## Historical Context

In honor-shame cultures, admitting fault (even falsely) to restore social harmony was tempting. Job's refusal demonstrates extraordinary moral courage—he values truth over social acceptance. The vow 'till I die' proved prophetic, as Job maintained integrity through all trials until God vindicated him. The passage models that authentic integrity cannot be compromised even under extreme pressure.

## Related Passages

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does Job's refusal to confess false guilt teach about the importance of truth even when costly?
2. How does Job's commitment to integrity unto death prefigure Christ's faithfulness unto death?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>God forbid</b>	H0	H518		<b>that I should justify</b>	H6663		H853		H5704		<b>you till I die</b>	H3808	
H2486											H1478		

  
מִקְפֵּה	תִּמְמָת	לִ	אָס	רִ									
**I will not remove**	**mine integrity**		H4480										
H5493		H8538											

## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 2:9** (References God): Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

**Job 13:15** (Parallel theme): Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.