

# Job 27:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

## Analysis

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Job continues: 'My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.' The verb *chazaq* (חָזַק, hold fast) means to be strong, to seize firmly—the same verb describing Job holding his integrity (2:3). The phrase 'will not let it go' (lo arpennah, לֹא אֶרְפְּנָה) emphasizes tenacious grip. 'My heart shall not reproach me' (lo-yecharaph levavi, לֹא יַחַרְפֵּי לִבִּי) means his conscience remains clear. Job's self-witness aligns with God's testimony (1:8, 2:3), validating that believers may maintain innocence when falsely accused without pride or presumption.

## Historical Context

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The statement reflects biblical teaching about the importance of a clear conscience (Acts 24:16, 1 Timothy 1:19, Hebrews 13:18). Job's insistence on his righteousness was vindicated by God (42:7-8), teaching that maintaining innocence against false accusers honors truth. The passage distinguishes between proud self-righteousness (which Job avoids by acknowledging human sinfulness generally) and honest self-witness about specific accusations (which Job maintains).

## 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. How do we maintain innocence against false accusations without falling into proud self-righteousness?
2. What does the importance of a clear conscience teach about living with integrity before God?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּצִדְקָתִי י	וְהִחַזְקֵתִי	וְלֹא אֶרְפֶּה	לֹא
<b>My righteousness</b>	<b>I hold</b>	<b>fast and will not let it go</b>	
H6666	H2388	H3808 H7503	H3808
יִחַב רְ	לִבִּי י	מֵמָּוֶל:	
<b>shall not reproach</b>	<b>my heart</b>	<b>me so long as I live</b>	
H2778	H3824	H3117	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 2:3** (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

**Acts 24:16** (Parallel theme): And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

**Proverbs 4:13** (Parallel theme): Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

**2 Corinthians 12:11** (Parallel theme): I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.