

# Psalms 7:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;

## Analysis

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David protests his innocence with an oath-like formula. 'If I have done this' introduces a self-imprecation - if guilty, may punishment come. 'Iniquity in my hands' means unjust actions or wrongdoing. This isn't claiming sinless perfection but specific innocence regarding accusations. David appeals to God as righteous judge who knows hearts. This models appropriate self-defense while submitting to divine judgment. Christ perfectly fulfilled this - absolutely innocent yet condemned, He appealed to the Father's vindication through resurrection.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern judicial proceedings often included oaths of innocence. David's protest suggests false accusations from Cush or other enemies. The Bible allows for self-defense and protest of injustice (Paul used legal appeals), while condemning self-justification before God. This balance maintains both truth-telling and humility.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

1. How do you maintain both humility about your sinfulness and honest protest of false accusations?
2. When wrongly accused, do you appeal to God as the righteous judge who knows truth?

## Interlinear Text

יְהֹוָה	אֱלֹהִים	עֲשֵׂת	זֹאת	אֵם	בַּשְׁרָה	בְּלֹא
O LORD	my God	H518	if I have done	H2063	H518	this if there be
H3068	H430		H6213		H3426	H5766

בְּכֶפֶן  
in my hands  
H3709

## Additional Cross-References

**Psalms 59:3** (Sin): For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.

**1 Samuel 24:11** (Sin): Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it.

**Joshua 22:22** (Sin): The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,) (KJV)