

# Psalms 73:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.

## Analysis

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The psalmist restrains himself: 'If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.' Public expression of doubt would damage other believers' faith. This shows pastoral concern—not broadcasting struggles that might shipwreck weaker saints. Honesty with God doesn't require publicizing every doubt to the congregation. Mature believers guard their influence, recognizing that their words impact others (James 3:1).

## Historical Context

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Leaders in Israel bore special responsibility for preserving faith among God's people. Public apostasy by influential figures could lead entire communities astray (1 Kings 12:28-30). Discretion protected the vulnerable.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How do you balance honest wrestling with doubt while protecting others from being stumbled?

2. What responsibility do mature believers have to guard their influence on weaker Christians?
3. When is it appropriate to share struggles, and when does discretion better serve the church?

## Interlinear Text

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אִם	אֶמְרֵתִי	אֶסְפֹּךְ	הָאֵלֹהִים	כִּמּוֹן	דָּוָר
H518	<b>If I say</b>	<b>I will speak</b>	<b>thus</b>	H2009	<b>against the generation</b>
	H559	H5608	H3644		H1755

בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	בְּגִדְתִּי:
<b>of thy children</b>	<b>behold I should offend</b>
H1121	H898

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