

# Psalm 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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דָּוֶר בְּנֵי יִצְחָק כְּמֵאָסְפָּר הַמְּרַתִּי אָמָּה  
H518 If I say H559 I will speak H5608 thus H3644 H2009 H1755 against the generation

בְּנֵי יִצְחָק  
H1121 of thy children H898 behold I should offend

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