Where shall I Stand? Against the Persecutor

1. Absolute trust in the Merciful/Righteous character of God in Judgment
   1. “The LORD shall **judge** the people”
      1. Judgment—(come to) with a straight course to open the court. pronounce sentence (for or against); to vindicate or punish;

Gen. 6:3—“And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man” It is only by the Spirit of God that the carnal mind can be subdued and destroyed; but those who willfully resist and grieve the Spirit must be ultimately left to the hardness and blindness of their own hearts.

* if they do not repent and turn to God
* if they do not yield to the Holy Ghost
* if they do not commit to Jesus as Lord
* if they do not submit to the authority that God has placed over them.
* If they do not implicitly obey the Word of God
  + 1. (Judge now with mercy, and the carnal mind will be destroyed)

Psalm 17:2—“Let my sentence come forth from thy presence”

1. “Judge me, O LORD”
   1. according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

“judge”— Requesting judgment of righteousness of his faith on the fact that he has received correction (Psalm 17:1-8), and on every act he is to commit in humble obedience to the faith, to triumph in all the counsel and all the triumph’s of the Redeemer. Ps.16:7

* 1. This particular request is for acquittal for him and Judgment against his persecutor.