

David's "what have I done?" throughout 1 Samuel (a chiasm)

17.28-29: context of Philistines

His eldest brother **Eliab** heard him talking to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David. He said, "Why have you come down? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart; for you have come down just to see the battle." **David said, "What have I done now? It was only a question."**

20.1: David/Jonathan

David fled from Naioth in Ramah. He **came before Jonathan and said, "What have I done? What is my guilt?** And what is my sin against your father that he is trying to take my life?"

20.32: Jonathan/Saul

Then **Jonathan answered his father Saul,** "Why should he be put to death? **What has he done?"**

26.17-18: Saul/David

Saul recognized David's voice, and said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king." And he added, "Why does my lord pursue his servant? For **what have I done? What guilt is on my hands?**

29.7-8: Context of Philistines

[Philistine lord, Achish, to David]: So go back now; and go peaceably; do nothing to displease the lords of the Philistines." **David said to Achish, "But what have I done?** What have you found in your servant from the day I entered your service until now, that I should not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?"