

Acts 2:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad;
moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

Analysis

David's joy ('my tongue was glad') and hope ('my flesh shall rest in hope') arise from resurrection confidence, not circumstances. The Greek 'kataskenösei' (shall rest) means 'to pitch one's tent' - a temporary dwelling awaiting permanent resurrection body. This hope sustained David through trials and sustains believers awaiting glorification. The body's rest in the grave is not defeat but confident expectation of morning's resurrection.

Historical Context

Ancient Israelites lacked clear resurrection doctrine until later prophetic revelation (Daniel 12:2, Isaiah 26:19). David's confidence, though imperfect, anticipated fuller New Testament revelation. His faith rested on covenant faithfulness: God who promised eternal dynasty (2 Samuel 7) must raise his descendant.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does resurrection hope transform your view of death from enemy to 'rest'?
2. What role does Old Testament saints' partial knowledge play in appreciating New Testament revelation's fullness?

Interlinear Text

διὰ τοῦτο εὐφράνθη ἡ καρδία μου καὶ
Therefore did G3588 heart my also
G1223 G2165 G2588 G3450 G2532

ἡγαλλιάσατο ἡ γλῶσσά μου ἔτι δὲ καὶ ἡ σάρξ
was glad G3588 tongue my G2089 moreover also G3588 flesh
G21 G1100 G3450 G1161 G2532 G4561

μου κατασκηνώσει ἐπ' ἐλπίδι
my shall rest in hope
G3450 G2681 G1909 G1680

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 16:9 (Hope): Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Psalms 63:5 (Parallel theme): My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

Psalms 71:23 (Parallel theme): My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.