

# Deuteronomy 28:67

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

## Analysis

**In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning!**—this captures the psychology of despair: wishing away the present moment, unable to find relief. The Hebrew *mî-yitten 'ereb...* *mî-yitten bōqer* (מִי־יִתֵּן עֶרֶב... מִי־יִתֵּן בֹּקֶר, 'who will give evening... who will give morning') is literally 'O that it were evening/morning!' The idiom expresses desperate longing for escape. **For the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see**—both internal terror and external horrors make life unbearable.

This is clinical depression and trauma—inability to find peace at any time. Morning brings fresh fears; evening brings no rest. The 'fear of thine heart' is anxiety; the 'sight of thine eyes' is witnessing atrocities. Holocaust survivors describe exactly this experience—waking hoping to wake from the nightmare, sleeping hoping not to wake to reality. Time becomes an enemy rather than a blessing.

## Historical Context

Job expressed similar despair (Job 7:4). Lamentations echoes this (Lamentations 3:1-20). Josephus records that during the Roman siege, death was preferable to

life. Holocaust testimonies repeatedly describe this psychological state—preferring death to continued suffering but unable to die.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage describe the hell of living under God's wrath?
2. What does the inability to find rest at any time teach about the nature of judgment?
3. How does Christ's experience of God-forsakenness on the cross mean we never need fear this condition?

## Interlinear Text

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בֹּקֶר	תֹּאמַר	מִי	יֵתֵן	וּבֶעֱרֶב	וּבֶעֱרֶב
In the morning	thou shalt say	H4310	Would God it were	and at even	and at even
H1242	H559		H5414	H6153	H6153
תֹּאמַר	מִי	יֵתֵן	בֹּקֶר	מִפֶּחַד	לִבְּבֶךָ
thou shalt say	H4310	Would God it were	In the morning	for the fear	of thine heart
H559		H5414	H1242	H6343	H3824
אֲשֶׁר	תִּפְחָד	וּמִמַּרְאֵה	עֵינֶיךָ	אֲשֶׁר	
H834	wherewith thou shalt fear	and for the sight	of thine eyes	H834	
	H6342	H4758	H5869		
תִּרְאֶה:					
which thou shalt see					
H7200					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 28:34** (Parallel theme): So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

**Revelation 9:6** (Parallel theme): And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

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