

Isaiah 38:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

Analysis

The declaration "The LORD was ready to save me" attributes deliverance entirely to God's gracious initiative. The resolution "therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD" commits to perpetual worship and testimony. The plural "we" involves the community in celebration—personal deliverance becomes corporate worship. "All the days of our life" promises lifelong gratitude, not merely temporary emotion. Worship in God's house publicizes thanksgiving, encouraging others' faith.

Historical Context

Temple worship included thanksgiving psalms with instrumental accompaniment. Hezekiah's commitment to ongoing worship demonstrated that deliverance produced lasting devotion.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing God's readiness to save produce lasting gratitude versus temporary relief?
2. What does lifelong commitment to testimony teach about proper response to deliverance?
3. How can we make corporate worship and testimony part of our regular spiritual practice?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה:	לְהוֹשִׁיעַ נִי	וְנִגְנוֹתַי				
The LORD	was ready to save	me therefore we will sing my songs				
H3068	H3467	H5058				
נְנִיגָה		כָּל	יְמֵי	חַיֵּינוּ	עַל	בֵּית
to the stringed instruments		H3605	all the days	of our life	H5921	in the house
H5059		H3117	H2416			H1004
יְהוָה:						
The LORD						
H3068						

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 116:2 (Parallel theme): Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Psalms 145:2 (Parallel theme): Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Psalms 150:4 (Parallel theme): Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.