

# Isaiah 49:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

## Analysis

The promise 'They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them' describes comprehensive divine provision for returning pilgrims. The reason: 'he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.' This merges Exodus imagery (manna, water from rock) with Shepherd psalm (Psalm 23), anticipating Jesus as Bread of Life and Living Water.

## Historical Context

Return from Babylon through desert required miraculous provision echoing the Exodus. But ultimate fulfillment awaits new creation where 'they shall hunger no more' (Revelation 7:16), showing how earthly redemptions typify final salvation.

## Related Passages

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

1. What spiritual hunger and thirst has Jesus satisfied in your life?

2. How does God's past provision (leading by springs of water) encourage trust for present needs?

## Interlinear Text

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לֹא יִרְעַצְתָּ בָּוֹן  
 H3808 They shall not hunger  
 H7456

וְלֹא יִצְצַחֵן אָוֹן  
 H3808 nor thirst  
 H6770

וְלֹא יִכְתַּבֵּעַ  
 H3808 smite  
 H5221

שְׁחַרְבָּה  
 neither shall the heat  
 H8273

כִּי תְּשַׁחַרְבָּה  
 nor sun  
 H8121

מִנְחָמָם מִן  
 them for he that hath mercy  
 H7355

וְיִגְּנַבְתָּם  
 on them shall lead  
 H5090

מִבְּעֵד  
 them even by the springs  
 H4002

מִן מְעֵד  
 of water  
 H4325

וְיִגְּנַבְתָּם  
 shall he guide  
 H5095

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 5:6** (Parallel theme): Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

**Isaiah 33:16** (Parallel theme): He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.

**Ezekiel 34:23** (Parallel theme): And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

**Isaiah 54:10** (Grace): For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

**Jeremiah 31:9** (Parallel theme): They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

**Isaiah 14:1** (Grace): For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

**Isaiah 32:2** (Parallel theme): And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

**Isaiah 35:7** (Parallel theme): And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

**Isaiah 40:11** (Parallel theme): He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

**Isaiah 4:6** (Parallel theme): And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

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