

Isaiah 50:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

Analysis

The assurance 'the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me?' repeats for emphasis the impossibility of successful accusation against God's justified servant. The imagery 'they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up' depicts enemies' decay versus God's eternal vindication. Accusers are temporary; God's approval is permanent.

Historical Context

Israel's historical enemies (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon) all fell while God's people endured through exile and return. This pattern anticipates Satan's final defeat (Revelation 20:10) while those justified in Christ live eternally.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the inevitability of your accusers' decay encourage patient endurance of false charges?

2. What is the difference between temporary human condemnation and eternal divine justification?

Interlinear Text

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	Behold the Lord	GOD	will help		H0	H4310			H1931

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shall eat them up the moth they all shall wax old H1086 H6211 H398

Additional Cross-References

Job 13:28 (Parallel theme): And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.

Isaiah 41:10 (References God): Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Psalms 102:26 (Parallel theme): They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

Psalms 39:11 (Parallel theme): When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah.