

# Isaiah 57:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.

## Analysis

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This verse penetrates to the psychology of persistent rebellion. "Wearied in the greatness of thy way" acknowledges that pursuing false gods and foreign alliances is exhausting and futile. Yet the sinner refuses to admit defeat: "yet saidst thou not, There is no hope." The Hebrew *noash* means to despair or give up. Despite exhaustion and failure, pride prevents repentance. "Thou hast found the life of thine hand" is ambiguous—possibly meaning they found just enough success to continue trusting their own efforts, or that they renewed their strength (*chayyat yadech*) through temporary relief. "Therefore thou wast not grieved" shows the absence of godly sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:10). Reformed theology recognizes this as the bondage of the will: sinners in their natural state cannot truly repent apart from regenerating grace. The heart is so hardened that even exhaustion and failure don't lead to repentance, only to renewed self-effort. This describes the futility of self-righteousness—an endless, wearying cycle without genuine rest (Matthew 11:28-30).

## Historical Context

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This perfectly describes Judah's pattern throughout the divided monarchy era: repeatedly trusting in political alliances and military strength despite repeated failures and prophetic warnings. Each disaster brought temporary reform followed by renewed apostasy (2 Kings 17:13-15). The people experienced the emptiness of idolatry and foreign alliances yet persistently returned to these broken cisterns

(Jeremiah 2:13). This pattern continued until the Babylonian exile finally broke Judah of its idolatrous tendencies, though it developed new forms of self-righteousness (legalism) in the post-exilic period.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. What patterns of sin do we persist in despite their proven futility and weariness?
2. How does pride prevent us from admitting spiritual bankruptcy and seeking God's grace?
3. Where do we seek temporary relief that prevents us from finding true rest in Christ?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּרָב in the greatness H7230	דִּרְכְּךָ of thy way H1870	יָגַעְתָּ Thou art wearied H3021	אָמַרְתָּ לֵאמֹר H3808 yet saidst H559
נוֹא שׁ thou not There is no hope H2976	חַיֵּית the life H2416	יָדְךָ of thine hand H3027	מָצָאתָ thou hast found H4672
לֹא H3808	חָלִיתָ therefore thou wast not grieved H2470		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 2:25** (Hope): Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

**Jeremiah 18:12** (Hope): And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

**Jeremiah 5:3** (Parallel theme): O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

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