

Psalms 105:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.

Analysis

Joseph remained imprisoned 'until the time that his word came,' when 'the word of the LORD tried him.' The 'word' likely refers to Joseph's prophetic dreams (Gen 37:5-10) that eventually came true. God's word tested Joseph through delayed fulfillment. This trial purified and prepared him. God's promises aren't always immediately fulfilled but their delay serves divine purposes. Christ endured a testing period (Heb 5:8) before entering glory. The Reformed emphasis on God's sovereignty in suffering recognizes that trials test and purify faith (1 Pet 1:6-7).

Historical Context

Joseph's dreams predicting his family's bowing to him (Gen 37:5-11) seemed impossible during his slavery and imprisonment. Yet God fulfilled them precisely, vindicated Joseph's faith through the trial's duration.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does waiting for God's promises to be fulfilled test and refine your faith?
2. What unfulfilled promises from God are you trusting Him to accomplish in His timing?

Interlinear Text

עַד	עַתָּה	בָּא	דְּבַר	אִמְרָת	יְהוָה	צִרְפָּתָהּ:
H5704	Until the time	came	that his word	the word	of the LORD	tried
	H6256	H935	H1697	H565	H3068	H6884

Additional Cross-References

Acts 7:10 (Parallel theme): And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

Proverbs 21:1 (References Lord): The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

Genesis 41:25 (Parallel theme): And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.

Daniel 2:30 (Parallel theme): But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.