

# Psalms 141:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one  
cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.

## Analysis

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**Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood.** Describes battlefield aftermath or near-death metaphor. Life chopped up, scattered at death's door. Yet verse 8 turns to God with confidence. This characterizes lament—brutal honesty followed by faith-filled petition.

## Historical Context

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David wrote during persecution. Ancient battlefields were gruesome—bodies unburied, bones scattered. Proper burial mattered; scattered bones represented ultimate dishonor.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does graphic imagery validate expressing desperate circumstances?
2. When have you felt "scattered" at death's door?
3. How does shifting to confidence model faith's movement from lament to trust?

## Interlinear Text

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כְּמִוְ	פִּלֵּה	וּבִקַּעַ	בְּאֶרֶץ	נִפְזָר וְ
H3644	as when one cutteth	and cleaveth	wood upon the earth	are scattered
	H6398	H1234	H776	H6340
עַצְמוֹתַי	לִפִּי	שְׁאוֹל:		
Our bones	mouth	at the grave's		
H6106	H6310	H7585		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 53:5** (Parallel theme): There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

**Romans 8:36** (Parallel theme): As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.