

Psalms 141:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

Analysis

Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity. Snare/trap imagery depicts premeditated schemes. Prayer acknowledges vulnerability while trusting God's protection.

Historical Context

Hunters used snares for animals. Metaphor describes conspiracies against David—Saul's pursuit, Absalom's rebellion, court intrigues.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What snares do you need God's protection from?
2. How does awareness of enemy schemes affect prayer?
3. How does "deliver us from evil" echo this?

Interlinear Text

שְׁמַרْ נִיְּהָן
Keep me from the snares H6341 which they have laid H0
H8104 H3027 H3369

וְמִקְשֵׁת וְתַּחַת
for me and the gins of the workers of iniquity H4170 H6466 H205

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 140:5 (Parallel theme): The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah.

Psalms 119:110 (Parallel theme): The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

Proverbs 13:14 (Parallel theme): The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Psalms 38:12 (Parallel theme): They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

Luke 20:20 (Parallel theme): And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

Psalms 142:3 (Parallel theme): When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

Jeremiah 18:22 (Parallel theme): Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.