

Psalm 17:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.

Analysis

David appeals to God's 'steadfast love' ('chesed'—covenant faithfulness) shown to those who take refuge in Him. The phrase 'by Your right hand' indicates God's power and saving action. This parallels Exodus 15:6 celebrating God's right hand shattering enemies. The refuge motif anticipates believers' security in Christ—nothing can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:38-39). Reformed theology sees election as the ultimate expression of covenant love.

Historical Context

References God's pattern of delivering those who trust Him, established throughout Israel's history from the Exodus onward.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does understanding God's covenant love deepen your sense of security?
2. In what ways do you actively take refuge in God rather than other securities?

Interlinear Text

חֹסֶד יְמֵינֶךָ	מֹשֶׁעַ יְמֵינֶךָ	בְּסִדְךָ	פָּנֶל הַ	שְׁוֹרֵת יְמֵינֶךָ
Shew thy marvellous	lovingkindness	O thou that savest	them which put their trust	
H6395	H2617	H3467		H2620
מִתְקֹרֶם מִתְקֹרֶם יְמֵינֶךָ:				
in thee from those that rise up	by thy right hand			
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 60:5 (Salvation): That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and hear me.

Psalms 31:21 (Parallel theme): Blessed be the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

Psalms 20:6 (Salvation): Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 (Parallel theme): 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 44:3 (Salvation): For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

Exodus 15:6 (Parallel theme): Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

2 Kings 19:34 (Salvation): For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

2 Chronicles 16:9 (Parallel theme): For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

Acts 2:33 (Parallel theme): Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

2 Kings 19:22 (Parallel theme): Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel.

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