

Psalms 18:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

Analysis

By God's power, David can 'run against a troop' and 'leap over a wall.' The Hebrew 'gadam' (troop/raiding band) and 'shur' (wall) represent humanly impossible obstacles. This demonstrates that divine enablement transcends natural ability. It anticipates Paul's testimony 'I can do all things through Christ' (Philippians 4:13) and the truth that God's strength is perfected in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Historical Context

Reflects David's military exploits where he faced overwhelming odds yet prevailed through divine strength—defeating Philistine champions, escaping surrounded positions.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What impossible obstacles currently face you that require divine power?
2. How do you distinguish between presumption and faith-filled action?

Interlinear Text

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| | | For by thee I have run through | a troop | and by my God |
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| | have I leaped over | a wall | | |

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 22:30 (References God): For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

Revelation 3:21 (Parallel theme): To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Colossians 2:15 (Parallel theme): And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

1 Corinthians 15:10 (References God): But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Psalms 144:10 (Parallel theme): It is he that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

Psalms 144:1 (Parallel theme): Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

1 Samuel 23:2 (Parallel theme): Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.

2 Samuel 5:25 (Parallel theme): And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

1 Samuel 17:49 (Parallel theme): And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

1 Samuel 30:8 (Parallel theme): And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

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