

Psalm 18:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried:
he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

Analysis

God's way is perfect ('tamim'—complete/blameless), His word is 'tested' ('tsaraph'—refined), and He is a shield to all who take refuge. The testing metaphor recalls purifying precious metals. God's word has proven reliable through generations of testing. The shield imagery portrays God as protector. This anticipates Psalm 119's extensive meditation on Scripture's perfection and Jesus' use of Scripture as defensive weapon against Satan (Matthew 4).

Historical Context

Written after experiencing God's faithfulness through decades of trials, each confirming Scripture's reliability and God's protective care.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How has testing in your life proven God's word reliable?
2. In what ways do you actively take refuge in God?

Interlinear Text

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As for God	is perfect	his way	the word	of the LORD	is tried	he is a buckler	
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H1931	H3605	to all those that trust		H0			
		H2620					

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 32:4 (References God): He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Proverbs 30:5 (Faith): Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Psalms 12:6 (Word): The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

2 Samuel 22:31 (Faith): As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

Revelation 15:3 (References God): And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Psalms 18:2 (Faith): The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalms 25:10 (References Lord): All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Psalms 119:140 (Word): Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

Daniel 4:37 (Parallel theme): Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

Psalms 17:7 (Faith): 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.

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