

Psalm 18:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

Analysis

God is the one who 'equipped' ('azar'—girded) David with strength and made his way blameless ('tamim'). Divine enablement makes integrity possible. The girding imagery suggests preparation for battle or journey. This anticipates Paul's armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-17) and the truth that God works in us to will and work according to His purpose (Philippians 2:13). Holiness is God's gift, not human achievement.

Historical Context

Reflects David's preparation for kingship through years of training in wilderness—God developing character and military skill through trials.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do you see God actively equipping you for your calling?
2. In what ways does recognizing divine enablement prevent pride in accomplishments?

Interlinear Text

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H410	H247		H2428			H5414		H8549		H1870		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 45:5 (References God): I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

2 Corinthians 3:5 (References God): Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

2 Samuel 22:33 (References God): God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

Psalms 28:7 (Parallel theme): The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

Psalms 91:2 (References God): I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Psalms 93:1 (Parallel theme): The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.