

# Psalms 18:45

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

## Analysis

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Foreigners lost heart and came trembling from their fortresses. The Hebrew 'nabel' (lost heart/faded) and 'chagar' (trembling/girding) indicate fear causing paralysis. Strong fortifications couldn't prevent terror when facing God's anointed. This anticipates Rahab's testimony that Jericho's hearts melted hearing of Yahweh's acts (Joshua 2:11) and the ultimate fear at Christ's return (Revelation 6:15-16).

## Historical Context

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Describes psychological warfare where David's God-given reputation caused enemies to surrender before battle, recognizing futility of resistance against God's chosen king.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does God work through reputation and testimony to advance His kingdom?

2. What fortifications in your life need to fall before God's presence?

## Interlinear Text

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מִסְגָּרֹתִים: לֹא יִחַרְגֶּנּוּ רְבִנִּי  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Micah 7:17** (Parallel theme): They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee.

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