

Psalms 18:45

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

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

בְּנֵי	נָכָר	יָבֹלֹוּ	וַיִּחָרְגוּ	מִמְסְגְרוֹתֵיהֶם:
The strangers		shall fade away	and be afraid	out of their close places
H1121	H5236	H5034	H2727	H4526

Additional Cross-References

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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