

# Psalms 22:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.

## Analysis

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The phrase 'cast upon thee from the womb' (literally 'thrown upon you') emphasizes total dependence on God from life's first moment. 'Thou art my God from my mother's belly' affirms God's covenant relationship predates conscious faith. From a Reformed perspective, this supports the doctrines of election and covenant theology—God's choice and claim precede human response. Infant baptism advocates cite this verse to show covenant children are claimed by God before exercising personal faith.

## Historical Context

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The metaphor of being 'cast' upon God evokes the practice of a mother placing her newborn upon a relative or midwife. Total vulnerability and trust characterized this moment, illustrating the believer's complete dependence on divine grace from birth.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does your dependence on God today mirror your dependence on Him at birth?
2. What does God's claim on you from conception teach about the nature of saving faith?

## Interlinear Text

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H5921		
<b>I was cast</b>	<b>upon thee from the womb</b>	<b>belly</b>
H7993	H7358	H990
		<b>from my mother's</b>
		H517
אֵלֹהִים:		
<b>thou art my God</b>		
H410		H859

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 1:5** (Parallel theme): Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

**Isaiah 49:1** (Parallel theme): Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

**Galatians 1:15** (References God): But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,