

Psalms 22:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

Analysis

The appeal to covenant history ('our fathers') demonstrates that faith rests on God's proven faithfulness across generations. The repetition of 'trusted' emphasizes that trust itself pleases God and moves His hand. From a Reformed perspective, this verse illustrates the perseverance of the saints—past generations trusted and were delivered, providing a pattern for present faith. God's character demonstrated in history grounds confidence in current trials.

Historical Context

The psalmist recalls Exodus deliverance, wilderness provision, conquest victories—moments when trust in God brought rescue. This corporate memory sustained Israel through subsequent crises and provided theological basis for continued trust.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does remembering God's past faithfulness strengthen your present faith?
2. What testimonies of answered prayer in church history encourage you today?

Interlinear Text

בְּךָ	בְּטַח וְ	אֲבוֹתֵינוּ	בְּטַח וְ	וַתַּפִּלָּטֵמוֹ:
H0	in thee they trusted	Our fathers	in thee they trusted	and thou didst deliver
	H982	H1	H982	H6403

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 14:31 (Faith): And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

Genesis 32:28 (Parallel theme): And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

Genesis 15:6 (Faith): And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.