

# Psalms 22:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

## Analysis

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Amidst anguish, the psalmist recalls God's providential care from conception —'thou art he that took me out of the womb.' This affirms God's sovereignty over life from its beginning and His sustaining grace through all stages. Reformed theology sees this as evidence of God's electing love: before birth, He determined salvation and providentially sustained life. Even Jesus' human birth was sovereignly ordained for redemptive purposes (Gal. 4:4).

## Historical Context

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In ancient cultures with high infant mortality, reaching adulthood required divine protection. The psalmist's survival from birth demonstrated God's covenant faithfulness. For Christ, this recalls the slaughter of Bethlehem's infants and His miraculous preservation (Matt. 2:13-18).

## 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 recognizing God's care from your conception affect your view of His ongoing faithfulness?
2. What does this verse teach about the value and sanctity of life from its earliest stages?

## Interlinear Text

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כִּי	אַתָּה ה'	גֹּד י'	מִבֶּטֶן
H3588	H859	H1518	H990
	But thou art he that took	me out of the womb	
	מִבְּטֶיחִי י'	עַל	שִׁדְי י'
	H982	H5921	H7699
thou didst make me hope		breasts	when I was upon my mother's
			H517

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 71:6** (Parallel theme): By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee.

**Psalms 71:17** (Parallel theme): O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

**Isaiah 9:6** (Parallel theme): For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.