

Psalm 25:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

Analysis

The observation 'Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred' asks God to notice the opposition's quantity and quality. Enemies are 'many' and their hatred is 'cruel' (Hebrew: chamas, violent/ruthless). This prayer acknowledges human helplessness against overwhelming opposition. Reformed theology emphasizes that spiritual warfare requires divine intervention—human resources fail against satanic and human evil. Asking God to 'consider' appeals to His omniscience and justice.

Historical Context

David faced constant threats—Saul's pursuit, Absalom's rebellion, foreign armies. Outnumbered and outmatched, he learned to cry to God rather than rely on military might. This pattern sustained Israel through centuries of persecution.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. Who or what are the 'many enemies' opposing your faith today?
2. How does bringing overwhelming opposition to God's attention provide relief?

Interlinear Text

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