

Psalm 3:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

Analysis

Faith triumphs over fear in this powerful declaration. Despite being surrounded by 'ten thousands' (Hebrew 'rebabah' - myriads), David refuses to give in to terror. This verse illustrates biblical faith: not the absence of danger, but confidence in God's protection despite overwhelming odds. The phrase 'set themselves against me round about' paints a picture of complete encirclement, yet David's trust remains unshaken. This foreshadows Christ's confidence even when surrounded by hostile crowds and Roman soldiers.

Historical Context

During Absalom's rebellion, David had only a small loyal remnant while thousands joined his son's insurrection. The numerical odds were staggering. Yet David remembered God's past deliverances (Goliath, Saul, various enemies) and trusted that divine power trumps human numbers. This demonstrates the pattern of biblical faith tested through historical trials.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What 'ten thousands' seem arrayed against you right now, and how is God calling you to trust Him?
2. How do God's past deliverances in your life strengthen your faith in present difficulties?

Interlinear Text

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themselves against me round about that have set H5921

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Additional Cross-References

Romans 8:31 (Parallel theme): What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Psalms 23:4 (Parallel theme): Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalms 46:7 (Parallel theme): The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

2 Samuel 18:7 (Parallel theme): Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men.

Psalms 2:2 (Parallel theme): The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

Psalms 46:2 (Parallel theme): Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

