

Psalm 30:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Analysis

The declaration 'O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit' describes deliverance from death. Whether literal physical rescue or spiritual salvation from sin's consequences, God intervened. Reformed theology sees salvation from eternal death ultimately—Christ descended to the grave and rose, bringing believers with Him (Eph. 2:5-6). All temporal deliverances prefigure ultimate salvation from death itself.

Historical Context

David faced death repeatedly—Goliath, Saul, Absalom, illness. Each deliverance testified to God's preserving grace. Israel's history included national near-extinctions (Egyptian bondage, exile) followed by divine rescue.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How has God 'brought up your soul from the grave' spiritually?

2. What does deliverance from 'the pit' teach about God's saving power?

Interlinear Text

נָפְשׁוּ יְהִי כָּאֵל יְתַחַת מִן שָׁא וְלֹא נִפְשְׁתָה
O LORD thou hast brought up from the grave my soul

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בָּרוּךְ תִּתְחַיֵּת מִתְּרוּדֵי בָּרוּךְ
thou hast kept me alive that I should not go down to the pit

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 28:1 (References Lord): Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Psalms 16:10 (Parallel theme): For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Psalms 86:13 (Parallel theme): For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

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