

Psalm 30:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

Analysis

The testimony 'LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled' describes both God's establishing grace and disciplining withdrawal. Divine favor creates stability ('mountain stands strong'); divine disfavor creates crisis ('hid face... troubled'). Reformed theology sees sanctifying discipline—God sometimes withdraws felt presence to teach dependence. Prosperity depends entirely on His continued favor, not accumulated resources.

Historical Context

David's 'mountain' may refer to Jerusalem, his kingdom, or personal security. Whatever the mountain, its stability depended on God's favor. When God hid His face (withdrew felt presence), security evaporated. This taught humility.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What 'mountain' of security in your life depends entirely on God's favor?

2. How do you respond when God 'hides His face' to teach dependence?

Interlinear Text

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לִפְרָכְךָ יְהִי הַמֶּלֶךְ בְּרָצְוֹנֶךָ כִּי־עַמְּךָ
strong LORD by thy favour to stand thou hast made my mountain

נִבְבָּלָה רָתַע יְהִי כִּי־יִתְּהַלֵּךְ פָּנֶיךָ
troubled and I was troubled thy face thou didst hide

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 104:29 (Parallel theme): Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Psalms 143:7 (References Lord): Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Psalms 40:2 (Parallel theme): He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

Psalms 30:5 (Parallel theme): For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Psalms 5:12 (References Lord): For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Psalms 89:17 (Parallel theme): For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

Job 10:12 (Parallel theme): Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

Deuteronomy 31:17 (Parallel theme): Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they

will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us?

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