

Psalm 31:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:
deliver me in thy righteousness.

Analysis

The declaration 'In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness' expresses covenant confidence. Trust in God provides security against ultimate shame. The petition for deliverance appeals to God's 'righteousness'—His covenant faithfulness and moral perfection. Reformed theology emphasizes that God's righteousness guarantees believers' security—He cannot break His promises. Those who trust Him will not be ultimately disappointed (Rom. 10:11).

Historical Context

David's trust in God sustained him through decades of persecution and uncertainty. His confidence rested on God's character (righteousness), not circumstances. This became a model prayer for all who face opposition.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does trusting God protect you from ultimate shame?

2. What does appealing to God's 'righteousness' teach about the basis of answered prayer?

Interlinear Text

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me in thy righteousness deliver
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 25:2 (Faith): O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Romans 10:11 (Faith): For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Psalms 143:1 (Faith): Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

Isaiah 49:23 (References Lord): And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

Psalms 43:1 (Righteousness): Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

Daniel 9:16 (Righteousness): O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.

Romans 5:5 (Parallel theme): And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

