

Psalms 31:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

Analysis

The plea 'Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me' uses imagery of God stooping to listen and providing secure refuge. 'Bow down thine ear' depicts God's condescension—He stoops to hear human cries. 'Strong rock' and 'house of defence' emphasize impregnable security. Reformed theology sees divine accommodation—God graciously attends to His creatures despite infinite distance. He becomes our refuge through covenant relationship.

Historical Context

David literally hid in rocky fortresses while fleeing Saul (1 Sam. 23:29). These physical refuges were temporary; God was the ultimate rock. The metaphor of God as fortress sustained Israel through military threats.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God 'bowing down His ear' demonstrate His grace toward you?
2. What does 'strong rock' and 'house of defence' mean for your spiritual security?

Interlinear Text

הִטָּה	אֶל יְיָ	אָזְנְךָ	מְהֵרָה	הַצֵּל נִי	יְיָ הֵי הֵ	לִי יְיָ	לְצוּר
Bow down	H413	thine ear	me speedily	to me deliver	H1961	H0	rock
H5186		H241	H4120	H5337			H6697
מָה עוֹז	לְךָ יְיָ	מִצּוּד וְ	לְהוֹשִׁיעַנִי:				
be thou my strong	for an house	of defence	to save				
H4581	H1004	H4686	H3467				

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 86:1 (Parallel theme): Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Psalms 102:2 (Parallel theme): Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

Psalms 130:2 (Parallel theme): Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

Deuteronomy 32:31 (Parallel theme): For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.