

Psalm 31:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

Analysis

The prayer 'Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength' asks for deliverance from hidden traps. Enemies set nets secretly; only God can rescue from unseen dangers. The basis: 'thou art my strength.' Reformed theology emphasizes that believers lack strength to escape spiritual dangers—Satan, world, flesh lay nets that human wisdom cannot detect or strength escape. Only divine power delivers from hidden snares.

Historical Context

Hunters used hidden nets and traps to catch prey. David's enemies similarly plotted secretly against him. Spiritual warfare includes unseen snares requiring divine revelation and power to escape.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What 'nets laid privily' threaten your spiritual life that only God can reveal?

2. How does recognizing God as your 'strength' change how you face hidden dangers?

Interlinear Text

אַתָּה כִּי לִכְמָנָה בְּשַׁת תֹּצִיא אֵינוֹ
Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily

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מְעַזֵּן:
for me for thou art my strength

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 25:15 (Parallel theme): Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Psalms 140:5 (Parallel theme): The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah.

Psalms 57:6 (Parallel theme): They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah.

Psalms 19:14 (Parallel theme): Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

2 Timothy 2:26 (Parallel theme): And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Psalms 124:7 (Parallel theme): Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Psalms 35:7 (Parallel theme): For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul.

Proverbs 29:5 (Parallel theme): A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

