

Psalms 35:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

Analysis

The vow of public thanksgiving anticipates deliverance, expressing faith before rescue appears. 'Great congregation' and 'much people' emphasize public testimony magnifying God's name, not private relief. This pattern—crying out, then praising—structures many psalms, teaching that confident worship precedes visible victory. Public testimony multiplies God's glory and strengthens others' faith through shared witness.

Historical Context

Israelite worship centered on communal gatherings at the tabernacle or temple. David's promise to testify publicly implies formal thanksgiving offerings accompanied by declarations of God's saving acts.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. Do you commit to praising God publicly even before seeing the answer to prayer?

2. How does your testimony of God's faithfulness encourage other believers?

Interlinear Text

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I will give thee thanks	congregation	in the great	people	thee among much
H3034	H6951	H7227	H5971	H6099

אֶתְּלַלֶּה:

I will praise

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Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 2:12 (Resurrection): Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

Psalms 116:14 (Parallel theme): I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

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