

Psalms 35:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

Analysis

Enemies who 'hate me without a cause' directly parallels Christ's words in John 15:25, making this psalm messianic. The 'wink with the eye' signifies conspiratorial contempt (Proverbs 6:13, 10:10), covert signaling of malicious intent. David's innocence and their baseless hatred establish the pattern fulfilled in Christ, whom the world hated though He deserved worship, revealing that righteousness itself provokes fallen humanity's hostility.

Historical Context

Body language conveyed meaning in ancient societies where nonverbal communication was culturally codified. The winking eye was universally understood as expressing mockery or secret plotting.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when hated or opposed despite living righteously?

2. In what ways does Christ's experience of causeless hatred comfort your own?

Interlinear Text

אֶל־ H408	יִשְׂמְחוּ rejoice H8055	לִי H0	אֵיבֵי־ H341	יִשְׁקָר H8267	שֹׂנְאֵי־ H8130
			Let not them that are mine enemies	wrongfully	that hate
אֲנִי־ H2600	בְּלֹא־ H2600	סֵבִיבִי H7169	אֵיבֵי־ H7169	עֵינַי־ H5869	
me	without a cause	over me	neither let them wink	with the eye	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 69:4 (Parallel theme): They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

Psalms 38:19 (Parallel theme): But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

Psalms 13:4 (Parallel theme): Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

Proverbs 6:13 (Parallel theme): He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;

John 15:25 (Parallel theme): But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

Proverbs 10:10 (Parallel theme): He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.

Psalms 38:16 (Parallel theme): For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.