

Psalms 35:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

Analysis

The double 'Aha, aha' expresses triumphant gloating, the enemy's premature celebration of apparent victory. 'Our eye hath seen it' suggests catching someone in compromising circumstances or witnessing their downfall. Yet God also sees, and His seeing carries judicial weight—He observes both the wicked's triumph and the righteous person's vindication. This sets up the contrast between human perception and divine knowledge, where earthly verdicts don't constitute final judgment.

Historical Context

Ancient legal proceedings relied heavily on eyewitness testimony. The enemies claim visual proof of David's guilt or defeat, but David appeals to God's superior sight that knows truth.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. When others seem to triumph over you, how do you remember God sees all?

2. What difference does it make that God's perspective is ultimate reality?

Interlinear Text

עַל־י וַדָּהּ יְבוּ	פִּי יָהּ מִ	אָמְרוּ	הָאָה ח
wide	Yea they opened their mouth	against me and said	Aha
H7337	H6310	H559	H1889
ח הָאָה	עֵינֵנוּ:	רָאָתָה	
Aha	our eye	hath seen	
H1889	H5869	H7200	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 22:13 (Parallel theme): They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

Psalms 40:15 (Parallel theme): Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

Psalms 70:3 (Parallel theme): Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.