

Psalm 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

פָּאָה כִּי עַל יְלִבּוֹ מִרְאָה אָמַר
wide H5921 Yea they opened their mouth against me and said
H7337 H6310 H559 Aha H1889

עִינָנוּ הָרְאָתְהָ כִּי אָהָה
Aha H1889 hath seen H7200 our eye H5869

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.

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