

Psalms 36:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

Analysis

The 'foot of pride' personifies arrogant opposition coming to trample the righteous. Pride was considered the foundational sin (Proverbs 16:18), producing all other evils. The parallel 'hand of the wicked' suggests active persecution—foot for approaching, hand for removing or harming. David's prayer acknowledges vulnerability and dependence on God's protection against forces that would displace him from secure standing. Pride and wickedness work together to oppose God's people, requiring divine intervention for safety.

Historical Context

Ancient warfare involved literal trampling of defeated enemies and forcible removal from land or position. David's language reflects real threats he faced from proud adversaries like Saul and Absalom.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What 'proud feet' threaten to trample your faith or testimony?
2. How do you maintain spiritual stability when wicked hands try to remove you?

Interlinear Text

אֶל	תְּבֹאֲנִי	כֶּגֶל	גִּאֲוֹה	יַד
H408	come	Let not the foot	of pride	against me and let not the hand
	H935	H7272	H1346	H3027
יָמָיו	אֶל	תִּנְדְּבֵנִי		
of the wicked	H408	remove		
H7563		H5110		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 16:8 (Parallel theme): I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Psalms 119:122 (Parallel theme): Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

Psalms 10:2 (Evil): The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

Psalms 119:85 (Parallel theme): The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.

Psalms 119:69 (Parallel theme): The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

Psalms 119:51 (Parallel theme): The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.