

# Psalms 37:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

## Analysis

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The 'evil time' and 'days of famine' represent seasons of testing when normal provision fails and circumstances turn hostile. The righteous 'shall not be ashamed' indicates vindication rather than humiliation, their trust proving justified. Being 'satisfied' during famine is supernatural—not abundance but sufficiency when others starve. This recalls Habakkuk 3:17-18: rejoicing in God despite crop failure. Divine provision may not mean excess but always means enough, teaching dependence on God rather than circumstances.

## Historical Context

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Famine was recurring threat in ancient agricultural societies, bringing widespread suffering and death. God's promise to satisfy the righteous during such times required miraculous intervention, recalling manna in wilderness.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How do you trust God's provision when economic or personal 'famine' threatens?
2. What does being 'satisfied' mean when circumstances provide less than you desire?

## Interlinear Text

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H3808	They shall not be ashamed	time	in the evil	and in the days	of famine
	H954	H6256	H7451	H3117	H7459
יִשְׂבָּעוּ:					
they shall be satisfied					
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 33:19** (Parallel theme): To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

**Proverbs 10:3** (Evil): The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

**Isaiah 33:16** (Parallel theme): He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.

**Amos 5:13** (Evil): Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

**Ephesians 5:16** (Evil): Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.