

Psalms 37:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Analysis

The Hebrew 'galal' (commit/roll) suggests transferring a burden completely, like rolling a stone. This command couples total surrender ('commit thy way') with active trust, not passive resignation. The promise 'he shall bring it to pass' assures that God will accomplish what concerns the believer (Philippians 1:6). This verse echoes Proverbs 16:3 and anticipates Peter's exhortation to cast all anxiety on God (1 Peter 5:7). The wisdom psalm addresses the apparent prosperity of the wicked, offering trust in God's sovereignty as the antidote to fretting.

Historical Context

This didactic psalm from David's mature years addresses a perennial question in Israel's wisdom tradition: why do the righteous suffer while the wicked prosper? David's counsel reflects hard-won experience and covenant theology that God ultimately vindicates the faithful.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What 'way' (plan, decision, burden) are you struggling to fully commit to God?
2. How does active trust differ from fatalistic resignation in your spiritual life?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיָה וְאֵל לִי יוֹדֵבֶת חַיִּים וְדַרְכֵי בְּיְהוָה עַל גִּזְלִי
Commit H1556 H5921 unto the LORD thy way H3068 H1870 trust H5921 H1931
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also in him and he shall bring it to pass H6213

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 16:3 (References Lord): Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

1 Peter 5:7 (Parallel theme): Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Psalms 55:22 (References Lord): Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Matthew 6:25 (Parallel theme): Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

James 4:15 (References Lord): For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

Psalms 22:8 (Faith): He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

Job 22:28 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

Lamentations 3:37 (References Lord): Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?

Luke 12:22 (Parallel theme): And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

Ecclesiastes 9:1 (Parallel theme): For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred by all that is before them.

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