

Psalms 40:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say
unto me, Aha, aha.

Analysis

Continuing the imprecation, David asks that his enemies be 'desolate' (shamem) as a 'reward of their shame.' The phrase 'Aha, aha' represents mocking laughter, the enemies' contempt for David. Their gloating will be silenced when God vindicates His servant, transforming their mockery into their own desolation.

Historical Context

The 'Aha, aha' exclamation appears in prophetic judgment oracles against nations who gloated over Israel's suffering. Ezekiel uses similar language against Edom's response to Jerusalem's fall.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What is the appropriate response when we observe others gloating over suffering?
2. How does God's vindication of His people ultimately silence mockers?

Interlinear Text

יִשְׁמֹוּ	עַל	עַ קָב	בְּשֹׁתָם	לֵי הַאֲמֹרִים	
Let them be desolate	H5921	for a reward	of their shame	that say	H0
H8074		H6118	H1322	H559	
הָאָחָה	הָאָחָה				
aha	aha				
H1889	H1889				

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 35:21 (Parallel theme): Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

Psalms 35:25 (Parallel theme): Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.