

Psalms 41:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and
settest me before thy face for ever.

Analysis

God upholds David 'in mine integrity' and sets him 'before thy face for ever.' The Hebrew tom (integrity) suggests completeness, wholeness, innocence--not sinless perfection but genuine, undivided loyalty to God. Being set 'before God's face' implies ongoing access to divine presence, the greatest blessing imaginable.

Historical Context

David's integrity was challenged by enemies but vindicated by God. This verse anticipates the greater Son of David who perfectly embodied integrity and now stands before God's face interceding for His people.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What is the relationship between integrity and divine protection?
2. How does being set 'before God's face forever' transform our understanding of eternal life?

Interlinear Text

וְאֲנִי י' H589	בְּתַמִּי H8537	תָּמָּה כָּתָה H8551	וַתִּצֵּיב נִי בְּ י' H0	וַתִּצֵּיב נִי H5324
me in mine integrity	And as for me thou upholdest		and settest	
לִפְנֵי יְיָ H6440	לְעוֹלָם: H5769			
me before thy face	for ever			

Additional Cross-References

Job 36:7 (Parallel theme): He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings are they on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

Psalms 25:21 (Parallel theme): Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

Psalms 63:8 (Parallel theme): My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

Psalms 34:15 (Parallel theme): The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

Psalms 37:17 (Parallel theme): For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

John 17:24 (Parallel theme): Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.