

Psalms 41:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

Analysis

Those who hate David 'whisper together' against him, devising 'hurt.' The Hebrew lachash (whisper) suggests conspiracy conducted in secret. The plotting involves more than spontaneous hatred; it is calculated, coordinated opposition. The phrase 'devise my hurt' indicates intentional, premeditated harm.

Historical Context

Court intrigue and conspiracy were common in ancient Near Eastern royal politics. David experienced such plotting during Absalom's rebellion and from jealous courtiers throughout his reign.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How should believers respond when they discover others are conspiring against them?
2. What does David's appeal to God rather than retaliation teach about handling opposition?

Interlinear Text

בְּלִי	שְׁנָא	כָּל	לְתַלְפֵּשׁוּ	עַל	וְ	כֵּד
together	H5921	me whisper	H3605	All that hate		H5921
H3162		H3907		H8130		

בְּעֵבֶד לִי	בְּעֵבֶד הַיְלֵד	בְּעֵבֶד הַיְלֵד
against me against me do they devise	my hurt	H07451

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