

Psalm 42:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Analysis

The powerful imagery of 'deep calleth unto deep' at the noise of God's 'waterspouts' depicts overwhelming floods of trouble. 'All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me' suggests complete submersion in suffering. Yet notably, these are God's waves and billows, suggesting even suffering lies within divine sovereignty.

Historical Context

Near Mount Hermon, the Jordan River originates in dramatic waterfalls and rushing streams. The psalmist may have witnessed these powerful waters while exiled there, finding a metaphor for his overwhelming circumstances.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing suffering as under God's sovereignty (His waves, His billows) transform our response?
2. What hope exists when we feel completely submerged in troubles?

Interlinear Text

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| Deep H8415 | H413 | Deep H8415 | calleth H7121 | at the noise H6963 | of thy waterspouts H6794 | | H3605 |
| all thy waves | | and thy billows | | | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Jonah 2:3 (Parallel theme): For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

Psalms 88:7 (Parallel theme): Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah.

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