

# Psalms 44:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.

## Analysis

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The metaphor of selling shifts to contemptuous disposal: 'Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.' God has given Israel away without even demanding payment, suggesting their worthlessness in His sight. The commercial imagery emphasizes the depth of perceived rejection.

## Historical Context

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Slavery and captivity were common results of ancient warfare. Being 'sold' to enemies meant losing freedom, identity, and connection to covenant promises tied to the land.

## Related Passages

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**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

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1. What does it mean to feel 'sold for nothing' by God?

2. How does this commercial metaphor express the depth of spiritual abandonment?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>Thou sellest</b>	<b>thy people</b>	H3808	<b>for nought</b>	H3808	<b>and dost not increase</b>
H4376	H5971		H1952		H7235
בְּמַחֲרֵיהֶם:					
<b>thy wealth by their price</b>					
H4242					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 15:13** (Parallel theme): Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.

**Deuteronomy 32:30** (Parallel theme): How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?