

# Psalm 44:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,

## Analysis

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The personal toll of public shame: 'My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me.' The Hebrew *kelimmah* (confusion, dishonor) suggests overwhelming embarrassment. The shame 'covers' the face like a garment, inescapable and constant. This is not momentary embarrassment but pervasive humiliation.

## Historical Context

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In shame-honor cultures like ancient Israel, public disgrace affected one's entire identity and standing in community. The covering of the face suggests inability to look others in the eye.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does persistent shame differ from guilt, and how does each require different healing?
2. What is the relationship between national suffering and personal shame?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 69:7** (Parallel theme): Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.

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