

Psalms 44:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee,
neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

Analysis

The remarkable claim: 'All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.' Despite overwhelming suffering, the community maintains covenant loyalty. They have neither forgotten God (mental abandonment) nor violated covenant terms (behavioral abandonment). This creates the theological crisis.

Historical Context

The psalmist echoes Job's protest--suffering has come despite faithfulness. This challenges retribution theology that assumes suffering proves sin, forcing deeper theological reflection.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How can we claim faithfulness to God while experiencing apparent abandonment?

2. What does maintaining covenant in suffering reveal about the nature of true faith?

Interlinear Text

וְלֹא שָׁכַחַנּוּ וְכֹל אֲתָנוּ בָּאֵלָּהּ
 H3808 upon us yet have we not forgotten H3605
 וְשֶׁקֶר רָבֵנוּ זֶאת כָּל
 H8266 thee neither have we dealt falsely H935
 בְּבְרִיתֵךְ: בְּבְרִיתֵךְ
 H1285 in thy covenant

Additional Cross-References

Daniel 9:13 (Parallel theme): As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.