

# Psalm 44:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

## Analysis

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The devastating conclusion: 'Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.' Suffering comes not despite faithfulness but because of it--'for thy sake.' They suffer precisely for maintaining covenant loyalty. Paul quotes this verse in Romans 8:36 to describe the experience of all who follow Christ.

## Historical Context

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This verse transforms the theological problem: suffering is not evidence of unfaithfulness but of faithfulness to a God whose enemies are powerful and hostile. It anticipates martyrdom theology in Judaism and Christianity.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does suffering 'for God's sake' transform its meaning?
2. What comfort comes from knowing persecution results from faithfulness rather than failure?

## Interlinear Text

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כִּי לִיבָּנָה

H3588

כִּי לִיבָּנָה

H5921

הַבְּ גַנְתָּה

H2026

Yea for thy sake are we killed

כֹּל

H3605

כִּי יֹמָם

H3117

all the day

כִּי חַשְׁבָּנָה

H2803

long we are counted

כְּאֵין טָבְּתָה:

as sheep for the slaughter

H6629

H2878

## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 8:36** (Parallel theme): As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

**Isaiah 53:7** (Parallel theme): He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

**Psalms 44:11** (Parallel theme): Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

**1 Corinthians 4:9** (Parallel theme): For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

**John 15:21** (Parallel theme): But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

**1 Kings 19:10** (Parallel theme): And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.