

# Psalms 44:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

## Analysis

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The desperate condition: 'For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.' This posture of complete prostration suggests either humble worship or utter defeat--probably both. They lie face-down in the dust, unable to rise, completely dependent on divine intervention to restore them.

## Historical Context

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The imagery echoes the curse of the serpent (Genesis 3:14) who would eat dust, and the mourning postures of Job (Job 16:15). Being pressed to the earth suggests return to dust, approaching death.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. What does it mean to be 'bowed to the dust' spiritually?
2. How is this posture of complete helplessness actually a posture of faith?

## Interlinear Text

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H3588 is bowed down H7743 to the dust H6083 For our soul H5315 cleaveth H1692 unto the earth H776 our belly H990

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 119:25** (Parallel theme): My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

**Isaiah 51:23** (Parallel theme): But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

**Lamentations 4:5** (Parallel theme): They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

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