

Psalm 48:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

Analysis

The conclusion: 'For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.' The demonstrative 'this God' points to all that has been described--defender, refuge, judge, eternal. The covenant formula 'our God' emphasizes relationship. He guides 'even unto death' and, by implication, beyond it.

Historical Context

The phrase 'our God forever and ever' employs covenant language emphasizing permanence of relationship. Guidance 'unto death' suggests God's faithfulness extends to life's end and transitions believers into His eternal presence.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What does it mean that 'this God'--the one just described--is 'our God'?
2. How does the promise of guidance 'even unto death' address our deepest fears?

Interlinear Text

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H3588 H2088	For this God	H430	For this God	H430	for ever	and ever	H1931
					H5769	H5703	
		עַל	מִזְוְתָן:	עַל			
	he will be our guide	H5921	even unto death	H4192			

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 58:11 (Parallel theme): And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Psalms 73:24 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Psalms 25:9 (Parallel theme): The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

John 16:13 (Parallel theme): Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Psalms 73:26 (References God): My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Psalms 31:14 (References God): But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God.

Psalms 16:2 (Parallel theme): O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee;

Proverbs 8:20 (Parallel theme): I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:

Lamentations 3:21 (Parallel theme): This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

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