

Psalms 49:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

Analysis

The hope: 'But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me.' While no human can ransom another (v.7), God can redeem! 'Receive' (laqach) echoes Enoch's translation (Genesis 5:24). This verse expresses confidence in resurrection or assumption beyond death.

Historical Context

This is one of the Old Testament's clearest expressions of hope beyond death. While full resurrection doctrine developed later, this verse anticipates God's victory over Sheol.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What is the contrast between verses 7-8 (no human can redeem) and verse 15 (God will redeem)?
2. How does this verse inform Christian hope in resurrection?

Interlinear Text

אֲנִי	אֱלֹהֵי יָם	יִפְדֶּה	נַפְשִׁי	מִיָּד	נֶפֶשׁ וְלֹא	כִּי
H389	But God	will redeem	my soul	from the power	of the grave	H3588
	H430	H6299	H5315	H3027	H7585	
	יְקַח נִי	סֵלָה:				
	for he shall receive	me Selah				
	H3947	H5542				

Additional Cross-References

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

Psalms 86:13 (Parallel theme): For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

Psalms 56:13 (References God): For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

Psalms 89:48 (Parallel theme): What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

Hosea 13:14 (Redemption): I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

Revelation 5:9 (Redemption): And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Genesis 5:24 (References God): And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Acts 7:59 (References God): And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Psalms 31:5 (Redemption): Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

Luke 23:46 (Parallel theme): And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

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