

# Psalm 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

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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

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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

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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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

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H389 But God H430 will redeem H6299 my soul H5315 from the power H3027 of the grave H7588 H3588

לְקַח נִיּוֹת לְהָלֹה:  
for he shall receive me Selah  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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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