

Psalms 54:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

Analysis

The confidence: 'He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.' David leaves judgment to God rather than taking revenge himself. 'In thy truth' grounds the request in God's character--His faithfulness to His word about protecting the righteous and judging the wicked.

Historical Context

David consistently refused to take revenge on Saul even when given opportunity (1 Samuel 24, 26). He entrusted judgment to God's timing and justice.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to pray for enemies' judgment 'in God's truth'?

2. How does entrusting judgment to God differ from demanding immediate vindication?

Interlinear Text

בְּ אָמְתָּךְ בְּצִמְלַתְּמָםְךָ לְשָׁרֵב יְשַׁבֵּעַ וְבָנָשׁ וּבָנָשׁ
cut them off in thy truth unto mine enemies evil He shall reward
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 89:49 (Truth): Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses, which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

Psalms 143:12 (Parallel theme): And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

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