

Psalm 55:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

Analysis

The progression from enemy to 'companion,' 'guide,' and 'acquaintance' emphasizes covenant intimacy violated. The Hebrew 'meyuda' implies one known deeply. This betrayal pain exceeds that from open enemies because it violates trust and shared sacred fellowship. It points to the deeper agony of Christ's betrayal during Passover fellowship.

Historical Context

In ancient Near Eastern culture, sharing meals and religious worship created sacred bonds of loyalty. Violation of such bonds was considered particularly heinous, as reflected in ancient treaties and covenant language.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How should the church balance openness to fellowship with wisdom about trust?

2. What does restoration of relationship require when covenant bonds have been broken?

Interlinear Text

וְמִצְעֵן אַלְפִּים כָּרֶב אָנָּשׁ וְאַתָּה
H859 But it was thou a man H582 H6187 H441 H3045

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 15:12 (Parallel theme): And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

Jeremiah 9:4 (Parallel theme): Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders.

Micah 7:5 (Parallel theme): Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

Psalms 41:9 (Parallel theme): Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

2 Samuel 16:23 (Parallel theme): And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

Luke 22:21 (Parallel theme): But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table.