

Psalms 55:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

Analysis

The Hebrew 'padah' (redeemed) is covenant language, used of Israel's exodus deliverance and anticipating Christ's redemption. God delivers 'in peace' even amid battle, revealing that true shalom is spiritual—right standing with God—not merely circumstances. 'Many were with me' may reference angelic armies (2 Kings 6:16-17) or God's providential orchestration of human allies.

Historical Context

David's deliverance often involved miraculous provision of loyal followers during Absalom's rebellion. The phrase recalls God's promise to fight for Israel and defeat enemies more numerous than His people (Deuteronomy 20:1-4).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does understanding redemption as God's act rather than human effort shape your prayers?
2. What does 'peace' mean when external circumstances remain turbulent?

Interlinear Text

פָּדָה	בְּשָׁלֹוֹם	נַפְשִׁי	מִקֶּרֶב	לִי	כִּי
He hath delivered	in peace	my soul	from the battle	H0	H3588
H6299	H7965	H5315	H7128		
בְּרַב יָמִים			עֲמָדָי׃ הִי וְ		
that was against me for there were many			H1961 H5978		
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 56:2 (Parallel theme): Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High.

Psalms 57:3 (Parallel theme): He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

1 John 4:4 (Parallel theme): Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Matthew 26:53 (Parallel theme): Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

2 Kings 6:16 (Parallel theme): And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

2 Samuel 22:1 (Parallel theme): And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

2 Samuel 18:28 (Parallel theme): And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king.