

Psalms 55:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

Analysis

The source of distress: 'Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.' Enemy voices, wicked oppression, false accusations, and wrathful hatred combine to overwhelm. 'Cast iniquity upon me' suggests false charges or plotting evil against him.

Historical Context

Absalom's rebellion involved widespread slander against David, accusations that he had failed as king and father. The 'voice of the enemy' was heard throughout Israel.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does enemy speech function as a form of oppression?
2. What does 'casting iniquity' upon someone look like in practice?

Interlinear Text

מִקֹּל וּלְ	אֹיֵב ב	מִפְּנֵי י	עֲקָת	רָשָׁע ע	כִּי
Because of the voice	of the enemy	because	of the oppression	of the wicked	H3588
H6963	H341	H6440	H6125	H7563	
לְמַי יִטּוּ	עַל י	אֶוּ	וּבְאַרְ	יִשְׁטְמוּנִי:	
for they cast	H5921	iniquity	upon me and in wrath	they hate	
H4131		H205	H639	H7852	

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