

Psalm 55:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

Analysis

The Hebrew 'sa'ar' (tempest/whirlwind) evokes God's theophanic appearances (Job 38:1) and divine judgment. Yet here the tempest represents human opposition. This paradox reveals that believers may experience storms not from God's wrath but as the context for demonstrating His sustaining grace under sovereign permission.

Historical Context

Storms and tempests were feared in ancient Palestine, particularly affecting shepherds and travelers. David's language draws on his experience as a shepherd exposed to sudden weather changes in the Judean hills.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How do you discern between trials that come from God's discipline versus permitted circumstances?
2. What does Christ's calming of the storm reveal about His authority over your 'tempests'?

Interlinear Text

מִשְׁעָרָה סָעַת הַמִּזְרָחָן מִן הַמִּזְרָחָן אֲחֵת יְשָׁהָא
I would hasten my escape ^{H2363} from the ^{H4655} storm ^{H7307} and ^{H5584} tempest ^{H5591}

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 4:6 (Parallel theme): And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

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