

Psalms 56

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In God I Trust

- ¹ Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.
- ² Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High.
- ³ What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.
- ⁴ In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
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- ⁵ Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.
- ⁶ They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.
- ⁷ Shall they escape by iniquity? in thine anger cast down the people, O God.
- ⁸ Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?
- ⁹ When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.
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- ¹⁰ In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word.
- ¹¹ In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

- 12** Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.
- 13** For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

Wrath — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 56:1 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 21:9; 27:2; 35:25; 58:1; 124:3; 1 Samuel 29:4.

References God: Psalms 16:1; 59:1; 60:1. **Grace:** Psalms 136:15

Psalms 56:2

Parallel theme: Psalms 3:1; 35:1; 54:5; 57:3; 91:1; 92:1; 92:8; 93:4; Isaiah 57:15; Revelation 16:14

Psalms 56:3 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 34:4; 1 Samuel 21:10; 21:12; 30:6; 2 Chronicles 20:3.

Faith: Psalms 11:1

Psalms 56:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 27:1; 118:6; Hebrews 13:6. **References God:** Isaiah 31:3; 41:10. **Word:** Psalms 12:6; 119:160; 138:2

Psalms 56:5 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 41:7; 1 Samuel 18:17; 18:29; Matthew 22:15; 26:61; Luke 11:54; John 2:19. **Word:** 1 Samuel 18:21; Jeremiah 18:18; 2 Peter 3:16

Psalms 56:6 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 59:3; 71:10; 140:2; Luke 20:20

Psalms 56:7 **References God:** Psalms 55:23

Psalms 56:8

Parallel theme: Psalms 39:12; 121:8; 139:16; 2 Kings 20:5; Isaiah 63:9; Malachi 3:16; Matthew 10:30; Hebrews 11:13; Revelation 7:17; 20:12

Psalms 56:9

References God: Psalms 46:7; 46:11; Romans 8:31. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 9:3; 27:2; 102:2; 118:6; Jeremiah 33:3; John 18:6

Psalms 56:10 **Word:** Matthew 24:35

Psalms 56:11 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 27:1

Psalms 56:12 **References God:** Psalms 50:14. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:106

Psalms 56:13

Light: Job 33:30; Isaiah 2:5. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 17:5; 94:18; 145:14; Isaiah 38:3; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; James 5:20. **References God:** Psalms 49:15; Genesis 17:1