

# Psalm 56:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

## Analysis

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The final affirmation 'I will not be afraid' demonstrates conquest over fear through faith. The rhetorical question 'what can man do unto me?' asserts the limited power of creatures against God's elect. This does not deny man can harm the body (Matthew 10:28) but affirms that ultimate safety resides in God's sovereign purposes, not circumstances.

## Historical Context

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David wrote this facing real physical danger from Philistines who had every reason to kill him as their enemy. His confidence was not in his safety from harm but in God's ultimate purposes prevailing regardless of what men might do.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How can you truly 'not be afraid' when facing real threats?
2. What does fearing God rather than man mean practically in your circumstances?

## Interlinear Text

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יְהִי־הַמְּלֵאָה־בָּאָלָה־יְמִן־בְּטַחַת־לֹא־אִין־אָיָן־מִתְּהִלָּה־בְּאַתְּמָה־

**In God have I put my trust**

H430

**בְּטַחַת־**

H982

לֹא־

H3808

אִין־אָיָן

**I will not be afraid**

H3372

מִתְּהִלָּה

H4100

יְהִי־הַמְּלֵאָה־

**can do**

H6213

לֹא־מִן־

**what man**

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 27:1** (Parallel theme): The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

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