

Psalm 56:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Analysis

This verse contains the psalm's central theological affirmation: 'In God I will praise his word.' Trusting in God's word rather than circumstances demonstrates covenant faith. The rhetorical question 'what can flesh do unto me?' echoes Hebrews 13:6, affirming God's sovereignty over human power. Praising God's word specifically indicates that Scripture's promises ground confidence.

Historical Context

David's confidence in God's word rested on specific covenant promises (2 Samuel 7:12-16) that guaranteed his dynasty despite present danger. This demonstrates how particular biblical promises sustain faith in specific trials.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Which specific scriptural promises anchor your faith in current trials?
2. How does praising God's word differ from merely believing it intellectually?

Interlinear Text

ל א בְּ טָהֹתִי בָּאָלָה יְם דְּבָרָן אָבָל ל בָּאָלָה יְם
In God I will praise his word In God I have put my trust H3808
H430 H1984 H1697 H430 H982

לֵין בָּשָׂר יִעַשׂ הַמָּה אֵיכָא
I will not fear can do what flesh H0
H3372 H4100 H6213 H1320

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 13:6 (Parallel theme): So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Psalms 118:6 (Parallel theme): The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

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?

Isaiah 41:10 (References God): Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Isaiah 31:3 (References God): Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

Psalms 119:160 (Word): Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Psalms 12:6 (Word): The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Psalms 138:2 (Word): I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

