

Psalms 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

Psalms 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?

