

# Psalm 56:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

## Analysis

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David's confidence that enemies will turn back 'when I cry unto thee' reveals the power of prayer. 'This I know; for God is for me' is declarative faith—not presumption but covenant confidence. The Hebrew 'li' (for me) indicates God's partisan commitment to His elect, fulfilled ultimately in Romans 8:31: 'If God be for us, who can be against us?'

## Historical Context

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David's experience repeatedly confirmed that calling on God brought deliverance, from his victory over Goliath (1 Samuel 17:45) to escapes from Saul's pursuit. This psalm crystallizes cumulative evidence of God's covenant faithfulness.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

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

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does past evidence of God's faithfulness strengthen present faith?
2. What does 'God is for me' mean in the context of suffering rather than prosperity?

## Interlinear Text

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| H227                       | turn      | unto thee then shall mine enemies | H341      | back    |
| H7725                      |           |                                   |           | H268    |

  

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| H2088                         | this I know | H3588       | for God | H0             |
| H3045                         |             |             |         | H430           |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 8:31** (References God): What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

**Psalms 46:11** (References God): The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

**Psalms 102:2** (Parallel theme): Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

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

**Psalms 46:7** (References God): The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

**Jeremiah 33:3** (Parallel theme): Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

**Psalms 9:3** (Parallel theme): When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

**John 18:6** (Parallel theme): As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

**Psalms 27:2** (Parallel theme): When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.