

Psalm 57:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

Analysis

The repetition of verse 5 as the psalm's conclusion creates an inclusio, framing the entire composition with doxology. This structure teaches that proper response to deliverance is not self-congratulation but ascribing glory to God. The progression from David's plight (v.1-4) through deliverance (v.6) to praise (v.7-11) models the structure of redemptive history itself.

Historical Context

This refrain's repetition would aid congregational worship, allowing the assembly to join David's testimony. The Psalter's liturgical function means individual experience becomes communal worship, as Israel corporately identifies with David's trials and deliverances.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does your testimony of God's faithfulness serve the broader church community?

2. What does the repetition of doxology teach about worship's centrality in the believer's life?

Interlinear Text

רֹאשָׁה	עַל	שָׁמֶן	עַל	אֱלֹהִים	כָּל
Be thou exalted	H5921	above the heavens	H8064	O God	H5921
H7311				H430	H3605

כָּבֹדְךָ	כָּבֹדְךָ
be above all the earth	let thy glory

H776	H3519
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 57:5 (Glory): Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

Psalms 8:1 (Glory): O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Psalms 8:9 (Parallel theme): O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

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