

Psalm 57:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

Analysis

David's confidence that God 'shall send from heaven' reveals divine intervention from beyond human means. The parallelism between 'mercy and truth' echoes covenant attributes (Exodus 34:6). God's 'sending' anticipates the ultimate sending of Christ (John 3:16). The rebuke of 'him that would swallow me up' uses predatory imagery, showing God's active defense of His elect.

Historical Context

Written when David hid in a cave from Saul (1 Samuel 22:1 or 24:3), this psalm shows faith exercised in literal darkness and confinement. The cave represented both physical refuge and spiritual testing ground.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's 'sending' from heaven manifest in your life beyond direct miracles?

2. What does God's mercy and truth together reveal about His character?

Interlinear Text

חָנָן	נִ	מִשְׁמָן	מִן	יְשִׁיעָה	מִן	יְשִׁילָח	חָנָן
me from the reproach	and save	from heaven	He shall send				
H2778	H3467	H8064	H7971				
מִן	יְשִׁילָח	לְהָ	שָׁאַפְתָּ	אֵלֶּה	יְמִ	יְשִׁילָח	מִסְדָּר
his mercy	God	He shall send	Selah	of him that would swallow me up			
H2617	H430	H7971	H5542	H7602			
וְאֶתְמִתּוֹן							
and his truth							
H571							

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 40:11 (Truth): Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

Psalms 43:3 (Truth): O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Acts 12:11 (Parallel theme): And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

Psalms 61:7 (Grace): He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him.

Numbers 23:24 (Parallel theme): Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

Job 31:31 (Parallel theme): If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied.

John 1:17 (Grace): For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

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