

Psalm 59:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

Analysis

The dogs now 'wander up and down for meat' depicts frustrated scavengers finding no prey. 'Grudge if they be not satisfied' (Hebrew 'lun'—murmur/complain/stay all night) shows persistent discontent. This portrays the wicked's essential futility—their efforts yield nothing substantial, anticipating Jesus's words about laboring for food that perishes (John 6:27).

Historical Context

The image of dogs wandering hungry evokes both literal scavengers in ancient cities and metaphorically depicts Saul's men's fruitless search. David's escape left them empty-handed despite their efforts.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does the insatiable nature of wickedness reveal about sin's character?
2. How does the righteous's satisfaction in God contrast with the wicked's perpetual hunger?

Interlinear Text

ה פה	וְיַעֲזֹב	לֹא כִּי	לֹא אָמַר	לְאַכְלָה
H1992	Let them wander up and down	H5128	H518	H3808
			H398	
וְלֹא כִּי	שָׁבַע	וְלֹא כִּי		
if they be not satisfied	and grudge			
H7646	H3885			

Additional Cross-References

Job 15:23 (Parallel theme): He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

Psalms 109:10 (Parallel theme): Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.