

Psalm 59:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold.

Analysis

The enemies' running and preparation 'without my fault' emphasizes the injustice of persecution. David's appeal 'awake to help me' uses anthropomorphic language —God neither sleeps (Psalm 121:4) but David pleads for God to act visibly. 'Behold' requests divine witness of injustice, confident that God's omniscience will lead to intervention.

Historical Context

Saul's men actively surrounded David's house (1 Samuel 19:11), creating immediate danger. David's escape required both Michal's warning and God's providence, showing that 'help' comes through ordained means, not merely miraculous intervention.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does crying out for God to 'awake' express urgency while maintaining faith in His sovereignty?
2. What role do human means play in God's deliverance?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 35:23 (Parallel theme): Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

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