

Psalms 6:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

Analysis

Physical symptoms accompany emotional distress - 'mine eye is consumed' suggests weakened sight from weeping. 'Waxeth old' (Hebrew 'ataq') means to deteriorate or grow weak. The enemies' presence intensifies his suffering - their ongoing hostility compounds his grief. This verse shows how external persecution and internal anguish interact to overwhelm the sufferer. Yet even in this depth of misery, David still speaks to God, demonstrating that prayer continues even when relief seems distant.

Historical Context

The enemies could be those involved in Absalom's rebellion or other opponents who celebrated David's misery. Ancient cultures believed one's suffering indicated divine disfavor, so enemies would mock the afflicted as abandoned by their god. David's persistence in prayer despite their taunts shows covenant confidence that God remained his God regardless of circumstances.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when enemies seem to triumph during your suffering?
2. What helps you continue praying when circumstances show no improvement?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 38:10 (Parallel theme): My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

Job 17:7 (Parallel theme): Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow.

Psalms 88:9 (Parallel theme): Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

Lamentations 5:17 (Parallel theme): For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim.