

Psalm 61:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

Analysis

God's hearing of vows indicates accepted worship and answered prayer. The 'heritage of those that fear thy name' is covenant identity and blessing. This verse links David's personal experience to the broader community of the faithful, showing individual deliverance participates in corporate covenant promises. Fear of God's name demonstrates reverence yielding intimacy.

Historical Context

David's vows likely included promises of sacrifices and praise once delivered (similar to verse 8). The 'heritage' refers to covenant blessings promised to Abraham's seed, now David's confidence as God's anointed.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What vows have you made to God that require fulfillment?
2. How does your individual experience of grace connect to the broader 'heritage' of God's people?

Interlinear Text

נָתַתְּךָ	לִתְדַּכְּרָה	שְׁמָעָתָךְ	אַתָּה לְהִים	אַתָּה אֱלֹהִים
H5414	H3588	H8085	H430	H859
thou hast given	my vows	hast heard	O God	For thou
שְׁמַנְבָּה	ירָא	תְּרַשֵּׁת	אֲיָרָא	אֲיָרָא
H8034	H3373	H3425		
thy name	those that fear	me the heritage		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 56:12 (References God): Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

Psalms 66:19 (References God): But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Psalms 115:13 (Parallel theme): He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small and great.

Psalms 86:11 (Parallel theme): Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

Acts 10:35 (Parallel theme): But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Psalms 65:1 (References God): Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.