

Psalms 62:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

Analysis

The Hebrew 'dumiyyah' (silence/waiting/stillness) before God demonstrates restful trust, not anxious striving. 'My salvation cometh from him' identifies God as source, not circumstances or human allies. This waiting in silence contrasts with the noise of enemies (vv. 3-4), demonstrating that faith's posture is receptive stillness before God's sovereign action.

Historical Context

Written during another of David's experiences of persecution, this psalm reflects mature faith developed through repeated trials. The silence before God indicates confidence in His timing, not passivity.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does silent waiting before God differ from resigned passivity?
2. What role does stillness play in cultivating faith amid crisis?

Interlinear Text

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H389 H413 upon God waiteth Truly my soul H4480
H430 H1747 H5315

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from him cometh my salvation
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 62:2 (Salvation): He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

Psalms 33:20 (Parallel theme): Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

Lamentations 3:25 (Parallel theme): The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

Psalms 37:7 (Parallel theme): Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Isaiah 40:31 (Parallel theme): But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

James 5:7 (Parallel theme): Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Isaiah 12:2 (Salvation): Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Psalms 40:1 (Parallel theme): I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

Psalms 123:2 (References God): Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

Psalms 121:2 (Parallel theme): My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

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