

Psalms 63:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

Analysis

The image of God's wings as refuge recalls the cherubim's wings over the mercy seat, connecting divine protection to covenant atonement. 'Because thou hast been my help' grounds future confidence in past faithfulness. Rejoicing 'in the shadow of thy wings' depicts secure joy under divine covering, anticipating Christ's lament over Jerusalem refusing this shelter (Matthew 23:37).

Historical Context

The wings imagery connects to the ark of the covenant's cherubim (Exodus 25:20) and possibly eagles sheltering their young (Deuteronomy 32:11). Both images convey protective covering and covenant relationship.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does past experience of God's help strengthen present trust?
2. What does taking refuge under God's wings mean in your current circumstances?

Interlinear Text

כִּי	הִי יְתָ	עֲזָרָתָהּ	לִי	וּבֶצֶל
H3588	H1961	Because thou hast been my help	H0	therefore in the shadow
		H5833		H6738
כְּנָפֶיךָ	אֶרְנֶנּוּ:			
of thy wings	will I rejoice			
H3671	H7442			

Additional Cross-References

2 Corinthians 1:10 (Parallel theme): Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

Psalms 27:9 (Parallel theme): Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Psalms 57:1 (Parallel theme): Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

Psalms 61:4 (Parallel theme): I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

Psalms 5:11 (Parallel theme): But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Psalms 17:8 (Parallel theme): Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

1 Samuel 17:37 (Parallel theme): David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

Psalms 21:1 (Parallel theme): The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

