

Psalm 66:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

Analysis

The metaphor shifts from refining to warfare—'brought us into the net' and 'affliction upon our loins' depict capture and burden-bearing. Yet even in these descriptions, God's sovereignty is clear: He permits these trials for redemptive purposes. The 'net' may reference Babylonian captivity or other national calamities. This verse honestly acknowledges that God ordains difficult circumstances, not as vindictive punishment but as means of correction and growth.

Historical Context

This likely references the Babylonian exile or similar national judgments where Israel experienced captivity and oppression due to their covenant unfaithfulness, yet God used this suffering to restore them to Himself.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when you recognize that God has permitted or ordained difficult circumstances in your life?
2. What is the difference between accepting suffering as discipline versus viewing it as evidence of God's abandonment?
3. How can recognizing God's sovereignty over your trials lead to worship rather than bitterness?

Interlinear Text

בָּאָתָּה כִּי בְּמִצְדָּךְ הַשְׁמִיד מִשְׁעָךְ הַמְּתַנְּנוּן
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Additional Cross-References

Lamentations 1:13 (Parallel theme): From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaleth against them: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back: he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.

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