

Psalms 66:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when
I was in trouble.

Analysis

The vows 'uttered' by the psalmist's lips were made 'when I was in trouble,' revealing honest prayer in distress. This validates bringing our urgent needs and pleas to God, while also establishing accountability—God hears and remembers our promises. The public nature of these vows ('my lips have uttered') adds community accountability. True faith doesn't shrink from making bold commitments to God, trusting His grace to fulfill them.

Historical Context

Biblical examples of vows include Jacob's promise at Bethel (Genesis 28:20-22), Hannah's dedication of Samuel (1 Samuel 1:11), and Paul's Nazirite vow (Acts 18:18). Each reflects serious commitment made before God and community.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What promises have you made to God that remain unfulfilled, and what steps will you take to honor them?

2. How does making public commitments to God strengthen your resolve and invite community support?
3. What is the difference between manipulative bargaining with God and genuine vow-making in faith?

Interlinear Text

אָשֶׁר	פָּצַו	שִׁפְתֵי י	וְדָבַר	פִּי ו
H834	have uttered	Which my lips	hath spoken	and my mouth
	H6475	H8193	H1696	H6310
בְּצָר	לִי:			
when I was in trouble	H0			
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 18:6 (Parallel theme): In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

1 Samuel 1:11 (Parallel theme): And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.