

Psalms 66:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

Analysis

God 'holdeth our soul in life' expresses His active, sustaining providence—believers live not by their own strength but by God's preserving grace (Acts 17:28). The phrase 'suffereth not our feet to be moved' echoes Psalm 121:3, promising divine protection from fatal stumbling. This is not a guarantee against all trials, but assurance that God will preserve His elect unto final salvation, preventing apostasy and ultimate destruction.

Historical Context

This confidence in preservation reflects Israel's covenant relationship with Yahweh, who promised to keep His people despite their faithlessness. It anticipates the New Covenant promise that God will guard believers by His power through faith (1 Peter 1:5).

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does understanding that God actively holds your soul in life change your perspective on daily challenges?
2. What does it mean practically that your feet cannot be moved by God's sovereign protection?
3. How does this promise of preservation relate to the doctrine of eternal security and perseverance of the saints?

Interlinear Text

הַשֵּׁם	יְנִיחֵנוּ	בְּחַיֵּים	וְלֹא	יִנְתֵּן	לָמוּט	בְּגִלְנוּ:
Which holdeth	our soul	in life	H3808	and suffereth	to be moved	not our feet
H7760	H5315	H2416		H5414	H4132	H7272

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 121:3 (Parallel theme): He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Psalms 94:18 (Parallel theme): When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

Psalms 112:6 (Parallel theme): Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

Acts 17:28 (Parallel theme): For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Psalms 22:29 (Parallel theme): All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

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

Psalms 125:3 (Parallel theme): For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

1 Samuel 25:29 (Parallel theme): Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

1 Samuel 2:9 (Parallel theme): He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

Psalms 62:6 (Parallel theme): He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

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