

Psalm 68:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

Analysis

Kings of armies fleeing before God's power depicts divine victory over overwhelming opposition. 'She that tarried at home divided the spoil' means even those who didn't fight share in the victory—God's triumph benefits all His people, not just frontline warriors. This democratization of blessing reflects grace: salvation's benefits flow to all believers through Christ's victory, not our own efforts (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Historical Context

After military victories, plunder was distributed among all Israelites, including non-combatants (Numbers 31:27, 1 Samuel 30:24). This ensured God's entire community benefited from His deliverance, not just the strong or brave.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does sharing in Christ's victory without contributing to it illustrate salvation by grace alone?

2. In what ways can you celebrate and enjoy spiritual blessings you didn't personally earn?
3. How should the church ensure all members benefit from God's work, not just visible leaders?

Interlinear Text

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Kings	of armies	apace	apace	and she that tarried	at home	divided	
H4428	H6635	H5074	H5074	H5116	H1004	H2505	
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the spoil							
H7998							

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 10:16 (Kingdom): But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.

Judges 5:19 (Kingdom): The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no gain of money.

1 Samuel 30:24 (Parallel theme): For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.