

# Psalms 69:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

## Analysis

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The psalmist's desperate cry 'I sink in deep mire' uses drowning imagery for overwhelming affliction. 'No standing' indicates total helplessness—unable to save himself. 'Deep waters' and 'floods overflow me' depict waves of trouble beyond human endurance. This language anticipates Christ's agony in Gethsemane and on the cross (Matthew 26:38, John 12:27), where He experienced the depths of God's wrath for sin. Believers unite with Christ in His sufferings (Philippians 3:10).

## Historical Context

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Psalm 69 is messianic, quoted multiple times in the New Testament regarding Christ's passion. David's intense suffering foreshadowed the Messiah's greater affliction for sin's atonement.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. When have you felt like you're 'sinking in deep mire' with no way to help yourself?
2. How does Christ's experience of overwhelming affliction provide comfort and hope in your darkest moments?
3. What does it mean to share in Christ's sufferings as part of Christian discipleship?

## Interlinear Text

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אֲנִי I sink H2883	בְּיָם mire H3121	בְּצִלְהָ in deep H4688	וְאֵין H369	מַעַמְד where there is no standing H4613	אֲנִי I am come H935
בְּמַעְמָקַי into deep H4615	יָם waters H4325	וְשָׁבָ לָהּ where the floods H7641	שֶׁטֶף מִיָּהּ overflow H7857		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 40:2** (Parallel theme): He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

**Jeremiah 38:6** (Parallel theme): Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that was in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

**Matthew 7:25** (Parallel theme): And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

**Psalms 32:6** (Parallel theme): For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

**Jeremiah 38:22** (Parallel theme): And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back.

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