

Psalms 69:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail
while I wait for my God.

Analysis

Physical exhaustion from crying and parched throat from waiting depict prolonged suffering without relief. 'Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God' shows persistent hope despite unanswered prayer. This tension—crying out while waiting, exhaustion while hoping—characterizes genuine faith that perseveres through darkness. Christ experienced this in Gethsemane, praying repeatedly while awaiting God's will (Luke 22:44). Faith doesn't exempt from suffering but sustains through it.

Historical Context

Ancient laments often expressed raw emotion honestly before God. This psalm validates bringing desperate pleas to God rather than stoic resignation or pretended strength.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do you maintain hope when prayers seem unanswered and waiting becomes exhausting?
2. What does it mean that your 'eyes fail' while waiting for God—what sustains you when sight fails?
3. How can honest lament before God deepen rather than damage your relationship with Him?

Interlinear Text

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| יָגַעַתִּי | בְּקִרְאִי | נֶחַם ר | גָּר וְנִי | כָּל ו | עֵינַי י | מָה לִּי |
| I am weary | of my crying | is dried | my throat | fail | mine eyes | while I wait |
| H3021 | H7121 | H2787 | H1627 | H3615 | H5869 | H3176 |

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for my God
H430

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 6:6 (Parallel theme): I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

Isaiah 38:14 (Parallel theme): Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.

Psalms 119:123 (Parallel theme): Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

Psalms 119:82 (Parallel theme): Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

Deuteronomy 28:32 (Parallel theme): Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there shall be no might in thine hand.

