

Psalms 69:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

Analysis

The psalmist's confession 'O God, thou knowest my foolishness' acknowledges sin's reality even amid unjust suffering. This prevents victim mentality—even innocent sufferers are sinners needing grace. 'My sins are not hid from thee' affirms God's omniscience; nothing escapes His knowledge. This honesty before God demonstrates the difference between suffering for righteousness versus suffering for one's own sin. Both require God's mercy, but only righteous suffering reflects Christ's experience.

Historical Context

David's adultery with Bathsheba and murder of Uriah (2 Samuel 11-12) showed he wasn't sinless, even when suffering unjustly at other times. This psalm balances innocent suffering with honest acknowledgment of personal guilt.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do you distinguish between suffering due to your own sin and suffering for righteousness' sake?
2. What role does confession play when you're experiencing unjust persecution?
3. How does acknowledging your own foolishness and sin maintain humility even when wrongly accused?

Interlinear Text

אֱלֹהֵי יָם	אָתָּה הָ	יָדָעְתָּ	לְאִלְמָתִי	אֶשְׁמוֹתַי	מִמֶּנִּי	לֹא
O God		thou knowest	my foolishness	and my sins		
H430	H859	H3045	H200	H819	H4480	H3808

נִכְתָּדִים:
are not hid
H3582

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 38:9 (Parallel theme): Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

Jeremiah 16:17 (Sin): For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.