

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

לֹא מִמֶּנּוּ אַשְׁמׁוֹת יְהִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ אַתָּה יְדַעַת לֹא לֹא תִּשְׁׁמַע אַתָּה

O God

H430

H859

thou knowest

H3045

my foolishness

H200

and my sins

H819

H4480

H3808

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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.