

Psalm 70:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say,
Aha, aha.

Analysis

Those who mock 'Aha, aha' express contemptuous triumph over the afflicted. Being 'turned back for a reward of their shame' means their mockery rebounds on themselves—they're rewarded with the very shame they tried to inflict. This principle of reaping what one sows (Galatians 6:7) appears throughout Scripture. Mockers of God's people ultimately mock God Himself, inviting judgment. Christ endured such mockery (Mark 15:29-32), and His resurrection vindicated Him.

Historical Context

Ancient warfare and court proceedings included verbal mockery to humiliate opponents. Such mockery of God's anointed constituted rebellion against divine authority, deserving judgment.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How do you respond to mockery or contempt for your faith without retaliating in kind?

2. What does it mean that mockers receive their own shame as 'reward'?
3. How does Christ's vindication after enduring mockery provide hope when you face ridicule for righteousness?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 40:15 (Parallel theme): Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

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