

Psalm 71:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.

Analysis

Being 'a wonder unto many' means the psalmist's experience—preserved through extraordinary trials—astonishes observers. Yet 'thou art my strong refuge' explains the wonder: God's protecting power, not human resilience. Others marvel at survival; the believer knows the true source. This testimony glorifies God and encourages other believers. Paul similarly became a 'spectacle' whose sufferings magnified Christ's sustaining grace (1 Corinthians 4:9, 2 Corinthians 12:9).

Historical Context

David's rise from shepherd to king through supernatural preservation and victories made him legendary. Yet he consistently attributed success to God, not personal ability or fortune.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How has God's preservation through trials made your life a 'wonder' that testifies to His faithfulness?

2. What is the difference between seeking attention for yourself versus giving God glory through your testimony?
3. How can you leverage your story of God's faithfulness to strengthen others' faith?

Interlinear Text

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I am as a wonder	unto many	refuge	but thou art my strong
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 8:18 (Parallel theme): Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

1 Corinthians 4:9 (Parallel theme): For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

Acts 4:13 (Parallel theme): Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Jeremiah 16:19 (Parallel theme): O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

Psalms 62:7 (Parallel theme): In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Psalms 61:3 (Parallel theme): For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

Zechariah 3:6 (Parallel theme): And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,

Luke 2:34 (Parallel theme): And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

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