

Psalms 73:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

Analysis

The righteous experience continual plague—'all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.' This contrasts sharply with verse 5's description of the wicked's exemption from trouble. Daily discipline seems to punish rather than reward faithfulness. Yet Hebrews 12:6-11 reinterprets this: God's chastening proves sonship, producing righteousness's peaceful fruit. The 'plague' is actually fatherly discipline preparing believers for greater glory.

Historical Context

Israel's prophetic history included repeated corrections—judges raised up after apostasy, exile after covenant unfaithfulness. This discipline aimed at restoration, not destruction, distinguishing God's people from abandoned nations.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How can you reinterpret daily difficulties as fatherly discipline rather than divine punishment?
2. What does the frequency of chastening ('every morning') teach about God's attentive care?
3. How does understanding suffering as corrective rather than punitive change your response to trials?

Interlinear Text

וְאֶהְיֶה	בְּגֹעַ	כָּל	הַיּוֹם	וְתוֹכַחְתִּי
H1961	long have I been plagued	H3605	For all the day	and chastened
	H5060		H3117	H8433

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every morning

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