

# Psalm 9:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

## Analysis

David pleads for mercy in the midst of trouble from 'them that hate me.' The title 'thou that liftest me up from the gates of death' acknowledges God as deliverer from mortal danger. 'Gates of death' (Hebrew 'sha'ar mavet') represents the entry point to death/Sheol. This combination of present suffering and confidence in divine deliverance shows biblical realism - trouble exists but God rescues. Christians see this ultimately in Christ's resurrection, lifting us from death's gates to eternal life.

## Historical Context

City gates were places of judgment and transaction - death's gates represent the threshold between life and death. David's cry reflects many near-death experiences throughout his life. The pattern of crying for mercy while affirming God's past deliverances models faith-filled prayer. The church echoes this in persecution throughout history.

## Related Passages

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do you balance honest admission of present trouble with confidence in God's delivering power?
2. How has God lifted you from spiritual death's gates through Christ's resurrection?

## Interlinear Text

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חִנְנָה בְּנִי	יְהִי הָ	רָא הָ	לְתִי	מְשֻׁנָּא
<b>Have mercy</b>	<b>upon me O LORD</b>	<b>consider</b>	<b>my trouble</b>	<b>which I suffer of them that hate</b>
H2603	H3068	H7200	H6040	H8130
מְשֻׁנָּא	מִשְׁעָרִי	מִתְּהִלָּה	מִתְּהִלָּה	מִתְּהִלָּה
<b>me thou that liftest me up</b>	<b>from the gates</b>	<b>of death</b>		
H7311	H8179	H4194		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 86:13** (Grace): For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

**Psalms 30:3** (References Lord): O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.