

Psalm 94:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

Analysis

The psalmist testifies: "In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul" (Hebrew b-rov sar-apay b-qir-bi tanchumeycha y-sha-ashu nafshi). "Multitude of thoughts" (Hebrew sar-apim) can mean anxious or troubling thoughts—mental turmoil. Yet God's "comforts" (Hebrew tanchumim, consolations) bring "delight" (Hebrew sha-ashua, joy). This verse witnesses that God's comfort doesn't merely neutralize anxiety but produces positive joy. The psalmist found God's presence and promises more powerful than overwhelming thoughts.

Historical Context

This lament addresses injustice and oppression (vv.1-7, 20-21), producing mental anguish. Yet verses 18-19 testify to God's sustaining grace. Paul later echoes this in 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, calling God "the Father of mercies and God of all comfort." Philippians 4:6-7 promises God's peace guards hearts and minds—similar to divine comfort delighting the soul here.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How have you experienced God's comfort transforming anxious thoughts into joy rather than mere calm?
2. What specific promises or truths from Scripture has God used to comfort you in mental turmoil?
3. How does the Holy Spirit function as the ultimate Comforter (John 14:16) who delights believers' souls?

Interlinear Text

בְּרַב	שְׁרֻעָפִים	בְּקָרְבִּי	בְּנֵחֶזֶת יְמִינֵךְ	וְתַּדְבִּרְךָ	בְּנֵפֶשִׁי
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H7230	H8312	H7130	H8575	H8173	H5315

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 61:2 (Parallel theme): From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
