1 Sam 23-24

Finding God's Will in Desert Places

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When David was told, “Look, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and are looting the threshing floors,” he inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I go and attack these Philistines?”

The Lord answered him, “Go attack the Philistines and save Keilah.”

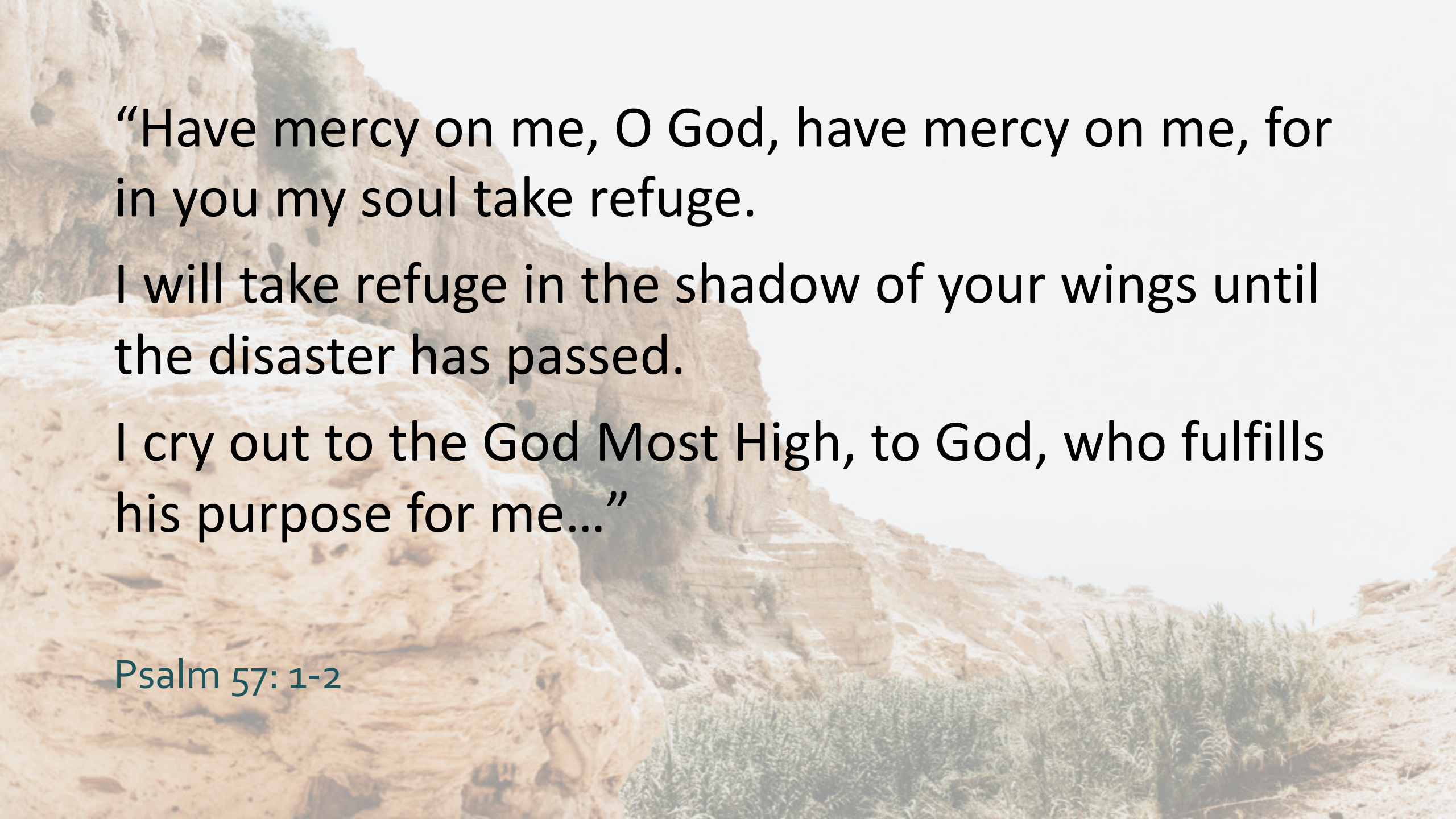
1 Sam 23:1-2

“Now Abiathar son of Ahimelech had brought the ephod down with him when he fled to David at Keilah”

1 Sam 23:6

“O Lord, God of Israel, your servant has heard definitely that Saul plans to come to Keilah and destroy the town on account of me. Will the citizens of Keilah surrender me to him? … And the Lord said, ‘They will’”.

1 Sam 23:10-12



“Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul take refuge.

I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.

I cry out to the God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me…”

Psalm 57: 1-2

“And Saul’s son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God. ‘Don’t be afraid,’ he said. ‘My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this.’”

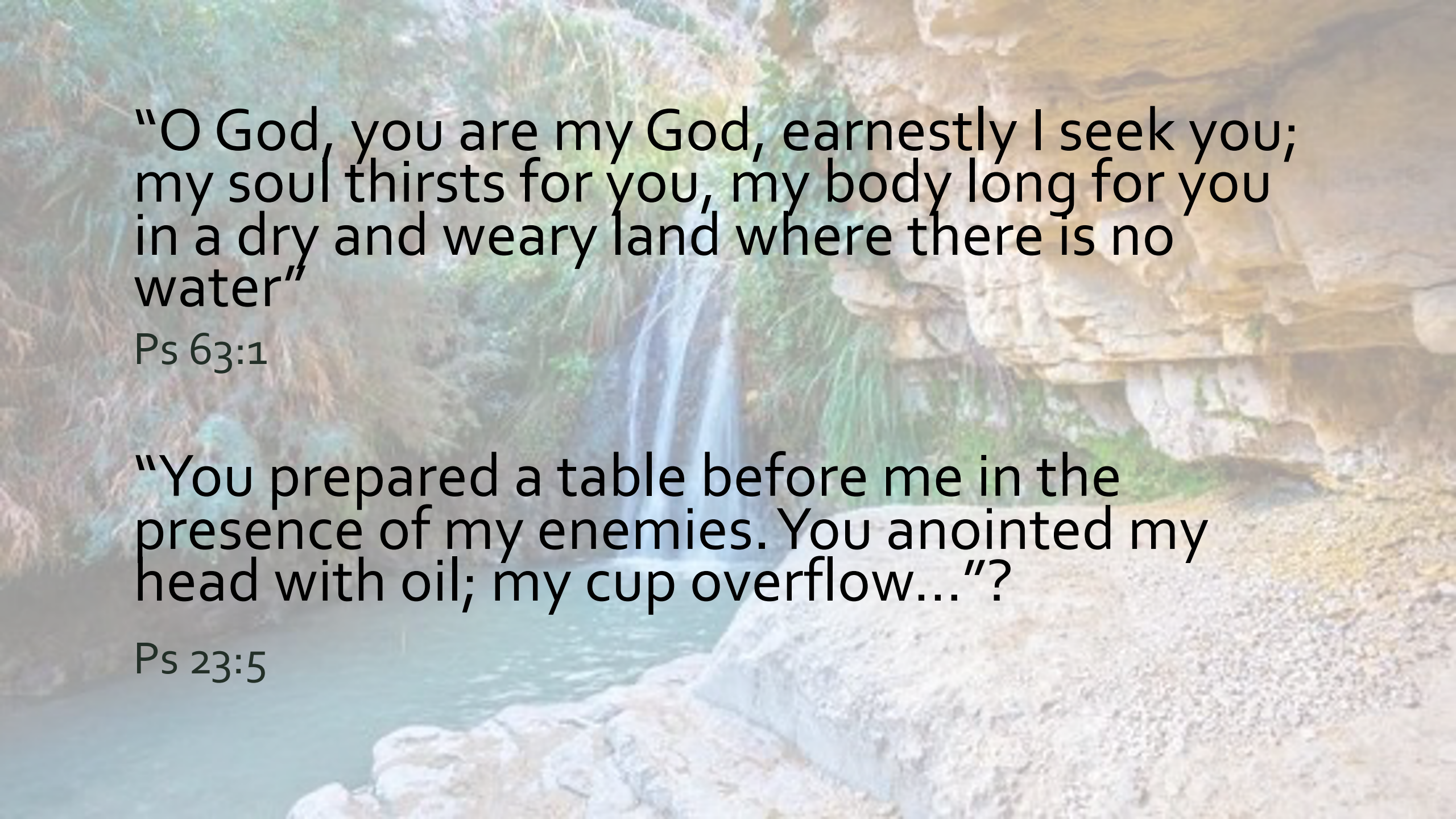
1 Sam 23: 16-17

“He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. The men said, “Today the LORD is saying, ‘I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.’ Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.”

1 Sam 24:3-4 NIV

“Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. He said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord’s anointed, or lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the Lord”. With these words David rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.”

1 Sam 24:5-6 NIV



"O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body long for you in a dry and weary land where there is no water"

Ps 63:1

"You prepared a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anointed my head with oil; my cup overflow…"?

Ps 23:5

“You have kept count of my wanderings;
store my tears in your water-skin;
aren’t they already recorded in your book?
Then my enemies will turn back
On the day when I call;
This I know: that God is for me”.

Ps 56:9-10 CJB

“Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes,
With your right hand you save me.
…The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
Your love, O Lord, endures forever –
Do not abandon the works of your hands.”

Psalm 138: 7-8