

□ “*I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother’s sons.*”

— Psalm 69:8 (ESV)

□ What does the word “Msikwao” mean?

In Swahili, the word “Msikwao” refers to a foreigner or outsider—someone who comes from a different land or community and is seen as not belonging. So, when the Psalmist (David) says “*I have become a stranger to my brothers,*” it means he was being rejected or treated like a foreigner, even among his closest family.

□ Understanding Psalm 69 in Context

Psalm 69 is a Messianic Psalm, meaning that although it was written by David about his own life, it prophetically foreshadows the life and sufferings of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the New Testament, various verses from Psalm 69 are directly applied to Jesus, showing us that this Psalm isn’t just

historical—it's deeply prophetic.

† 1. Jesus, Rejected by His Own

David writes:

"I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons."

— Psalm 69:8 (ESV)

This was fulfilled in the life of Jesus, who was rejected by His own people, including His blood relatives and the nation of Israel.

□ *Mark 3:21 (ESV)*

"And when His family heard it, they went out to seize Him, for they were saying, 'He is out of His mind.'"

□ *John 7:5 (ESV)*

“For not even His brothers believed in Him.”

Even though Jesus was the Messiah, His own family doubted Him, and the religious leaders of Israel rejected Him as an outsider. This fulfills the image of being a “*Msikwao*”—an alien or stranger—even among His own people.

□ 2. Zeal for God’s House

Psalm 69 continues:

“For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.”
— Psalm 69:9 (ESV)

This verse is quoted in the New Testament when Jesus cleanses the temple, showing that He was driven by deep passion for His Father’s glory.

□ *John 2:16-17 (ESV)*

“And He told those who sold the pigeons, ‘Take these things away; do not make My Father’s house a house of trade.’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for Your house will consume me.’”

Jesus was so devoted to God’s holiness that He confronted corruption in the temple—causing people to hate Him even more. His passion made Him a target.

□ 3. Betrayed by a Close Friend

Another key prophecy in Psalm 69 is echoed in:

□ *Psalm 41:9 (ESV)*

“Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.”

Jesus quotes this verse when referring to Judas Iscariot, who would betray Him:

□ *John 13:18 (ESV)*

“I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate My bread has lifted his heel against Me.’”

This shows that Jesus’ betrayal was not random—it was foretold in Scripture, centuries in advance.

□ 4. Jesus and the Psalms: Prophecy Fulfilled

Many believers don’t realize that the Psalms are rich in Messianic prophecies. Jesus Himself said that the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms all point to Him:

□ *Luke 24:44 (ESV)*

“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with

you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

So when we read Psalm 69, we’re not just reading David’s story—we’re reading the story of Christ’s rejection, suffering, and obedience.

♂ 5. What Does This Mean for Us Today?

Jesus told His followers that just as He was rejected, we too would face rejection for following Him.

John 15:18-19 (ESV)

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world... the world hates you.”

So if you are mistreated, excluded, or even rejected by your own family for your faith in Christ, remember—you are not alone. Jesus

went through it first. He knows how it feels.

□ *John 16:33 (ESV)*

“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

□ Encouragement for Believers

When you walk in obedience to God, there will be moments where you feel like a “Msikwao”—an outsider. But do not be discouraged. You’re not walking alone.

Your rejection is evidence of your identity in Christ. You are walking the same path as your Savior.

□ Final Word

Let this truth strengthen you:

- Jesus was rejected so that you could be accepted by the Father.
- He was treated as a stranger so that you could become a citizen of Heaven.
- What was true for Him will often be true for those who follow Him.

So hold fast to your faith, remain in God's Word, and let the Psalms open your eyes to the beauty of Jesus throughout Scripture.

□ Daily Devotion Matters

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

— Matthew 4:4 (ESV)

Make it your daily habit to read the Word of God, pray, and grow in fellowship with Him.

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