

Acts 4:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Analysis

The prayer continues requesting God 'stretch forth thine hand to heal' and 'that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.' The phrase 'stretch forth thine hand' echoes Exodus imagery of God's mighty acts (Exodus 3:20). They pray for continued miracles not for spectacle but validation - 'signs and wonders' authenticate gospel message. Calling Jesus 'holy child' (Greek 'pais,' servant/son) connects to Isaiah's Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53) and Psalm 2's 'Son.'

Historical Context

Signs and wonders marked biblical epochs: Exodus, prophetic ministry, Christ's incarnation, and apostolic age. These weren't normative continuous experiences but redemptive-historically concentrated validations of new revelation. The early church expected miracles to authenticate the new covenant's inauguration.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What role do 'signs and wonders' play in validating gospel truth versus entertaining crowds?
2. How does praying 'by the name of thy holy child Jesus' demonstrate Christ's mediation in prayer?

Interlinear Text

ἐν τῷ τὴν χεῖρά σου ἐκτείνειν σε εἰς ἰασιν καὶ
By G3588 G3588 hand of thy stretching forth G4571 to heal and
G1722 G5495 G4675 G1614 G1519 G2392 G2532

σημεῖα καὶ τέρατα γίνεσθαι διὰ τοῦ ὄνόματος τοῦ
that signs and wonders may be done by the name G3588 G3588
G4592 G2532 G5059 G1096 G1223 G3686

ἀγίου παιδός σου Ἰησοῦ
holy child of thy Jesus
G40 G3816 G4675 G2424

Additional Cross-References

Acts 4:27 (Holy): For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

Acts 3:6 (References Jesus): Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Jeremiah 15:15 (Parallel theme): O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.