

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 ἰάσιν καὶ
By G3588 G3588 **hand** G5495 **of thy** G4675 **stretching forth** G1614 G4571 **to** G1519 **heal** G2392 **and** G2532

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

ἁγίου παιδός σου Ἰησοῦ
holy G40 **child** G3816 **of thy** G4675 **Jesus** 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.