

Hebrews 5:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Analysis

'In the days of his flesh' emphasizes Christ's true humanity and earthly ministry. The 'prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears' likely refers to Gethsemane (Luke 22:44) but encompasses His entire earthly intercession. 'He was heard' (Greek 'eisakoustheis') indicates the Father answered—not by removing the cup but by strengthening Him (Luke 22:43) to accomplish redemption. The hearing came 'in that he feared' or 'because of his godly fear' (Greek 'apo tes eulabeias').

Historical Context

This verse presents Christ's humanity most vividly, showing the real agony He endured in submission to the Father's will. His prayers demonstrate the reality of His human nature facing death.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's agonized prayer life encourage you when you face overwhelming circumstances?
2. What does it teach you that even Christ's prayers were not answered by escape but by strength to endure?

Interlinear Text

ὅς	ἐν	ταῖς	ἡμέραις	τῆς	σαρκὸς	αὐτὸν	δεήσεις	τε
Who	in	G3588	the days	G3588	flesh	him	prayers	and
G3739	G1722		G2250		G4561	G846	G1162	G5037
καὶ	ἱκετηρίας	πρὸς	τὸν	δυνάμενον	σώζειν	αὐτὸν	ἐκ	
and	supplications	unto	G3588	him that was able	to save	him	from	
G2532	G2428	G4314		G1410	G4982	G846	G1537	
θανάτου	μετὰ	κραυγῆς	ἰσχυρᾶς	καὶ	δακρύων			
death	with	crying	strong	and	tears			
G2288	G3326	G2906	G2478	G2532	G1144			
προσενέγκας	καὶ	εἰσακουσθεὶς	ἀπὸ	τῆς	εὐλαβείας			
when he had offered up	and	was heard	in that	G3588	he feared			
G4374	G2532	G1522	G575		G2124			

Additional Cross-References

John 17:1 (Parallel theme): These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

Matthew 27:46 (Parallel theme): And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Mark 15:34 (Parallel theme): And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Matthew 27:50 (Parallel theme): Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

John 11:35 (Parallel theme): Jesus wept.

Hebrews 12:28 (Parallel theme): Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Psalms 22:24 (Parallel theme): For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

Mark 15:37 (Parallel theme): And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

Psalms 69:1 (Salvation): Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul.

Luke 23:46 (Parallel theme): And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.