

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

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 G2250 flesh G4561 him G846 prayers G1162 and G5037
G3739 G1722 G2250 G4561 G846 G1162 G5037

καὶ ἵκετηρίας 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 ἵσχυρᾶς 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 he feared
G4374 G2532 G1522 G575 G3588 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.