

Isaiah 35:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

Analysis

The message "Be strong, fear not" directly addresses anxiety with the antidote—God's coming intervention. "Your God will come with vengeance" assures that justice will be done, encouraging perseverance under persecution. The "recompense of God" promises both punishment for enemies and reward for the faithful. This dual aspect of God's coming—judgment and salvation—runs throughout Scripture, culminating in Christ's second advent. The certainty ("He will come") provides firm foundation for hope.

Historical Context

God's people facing oppression needed assurance that their cries for justice were heard. The promise of divine intervention sustained faith during dark times.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does knowing God will judge evil help us endure injustice patiently?

2. What does it mean to fear not in light of God's promised coming?
3. How should the certainty of Christ's return affect our daily priorities?

Interlinear Text

אָמַרְוּ	לְנִמְחָרִי	לֵב	חֲזִק וְ	אֵל	תִּיכְּ אִו	הֵן ה
Say	to them that are of a fearful	heart	Be strong	H408	fear	H2009
H559	H4116	H3820	H2388		H3372	
אֵלֹהֵי יָם	נָקָם	יְבֹא	גַּם וְל	אֵלֹהֵי יָם	ה וְא	
even God	with vengeance	he will come	with a recompence	even God		H1931
H430	H5359	H935	H1576	H430		
יְבֹא	וְיִשְׁעָכֶם:					
he will come	and save					
H935	H3467					

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 34:8 (Parallel theme): For it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

Haggai 2:4 (Parallel theme): Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:

Isaiah 33:22 (Salvation): For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.

Isaiah 61:2 (References God): To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Isaiah 25:9 (Salvation): And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Ephesians 6:10 (Parallel theme): Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

1 Chronicles 28:20 (References God): And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

Isaiah 44:2 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

Luke 21:28 (Parallel theme): And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Revelation 22:20 (Parallel theme): He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.