

Isaiah 43:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

Analysis

God's eternal existence is affirmed: 'before the day was I am he.' The unchangeable permanence: 'there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?' The Hebrew 'shub' (reverse/let) indicates impossibility of thwarting God's purposes. His work is irrevocable.

Historical Context

This asserts God's existence before time and His absolute sovereignty over all events. Once He determines to act, no force can prevent or reverse His work—ultimate security for His people.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does God's existence before time and His unchanging nature anchor your faith?
2. What does it mean practically that none can reverse God's work in your life?

Interlinear Text

גַּם	מֵימִים	אֲנִי	הוּא	אֲנִי	מִן	יְמִי
H1571	Yea before the day	H589	H1931	H369	out of my hand	H3027
	H3117					
	וְאֵין	לֹא	אֶפְעֶל	וְאֵין	יְשִׁיבָנָהּ:	
	was I am he and there is none that can deliver	I will work	H4310	and who shall let		
	H5337	H6466		H7725		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 14:27 (Parallel theme): For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

Isaiah 46:10 (Parallel theme): Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Psalms 90:2 (Parallel theme): Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Hebrews 13:8 (Parallel theme): Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Job 9:12 (Parallel theme): Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?

John 8:58 (Parallel theme): Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

Deuteronomy 32:39 (Parallel theme): See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

Revelation 1:8 (Parallel theme): I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

1 Timothy 1:17 (Parallel theme): Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Isaiah 41:4 (Parallel theme): Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

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