

Isaiah 43:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

Analysis

God invites legal confrontation: 'Put me in remembrance: let us plead together'—bring your case! The challenge 'declare thou, that thou mayest be justified' tests whether Israel can claim innocence. The Hebrew 'shaphat' (plead) indicates courtroom confrontation where God confidently awaits their defense, knowing it's impossible.

Historical Context

This divine challenge demonstrates God's righteousness and Israel's guilt. Unlike earthly courts where evidence might be disputed, God invites full examination knowing the verdict is certain—they cannot justify themselves.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does God's invitation to 'plead together' demonstrate His confidence in His righteous dealings?
2. What happens when you try to justify yourself before God rather than pleading for mercy?

Interlinear Text

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Put me in remembrance	let us plead	together	declare			
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thou that thou mayest be justified
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 1:18 (Parallel theme): Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isaiah 43:9 (Righteousness): Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

Romans 8:33 (Righteousness): Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

Psalms 141:2 (Parallel theme): Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Isaiah 41:1 (Parallel theme): Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment.

Romans 10:3 (Righteousness): For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Isaiah 50:8 (Righteousness): He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.

Job 16:21 (Parallel theme): O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour!

Genesis 32:12 (Parallel theme): And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

Romans 11:35 (Parallel theme): Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

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