

Isaiah 45:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker,
Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning
the work of my hands command ye me.

Analysis

God identifies Himself as 'the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker' before challenging: 'Ask me of things to come...command ye me.' The Hebrew 'tsavah' (command) seems shocking - can creatures command God? Yet the context suggests asking about God's work with His 'sons' and the 'work of my hands.' Faith can boldly ask God about His promises.

Historical Context

Rather than questioning God's methods (verse 9-10), Isaiah encourages asking about God's revealed purposes. There's a difference between presumptuous challenging and faithful inquiry.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What is the difference between questioning God's wisdom and asking about His promises?

2. How can you boldly approach God in faith about His declared purposes?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים כִּי
H3541 Thus saith the LORD the Holy One of Israel and his Maker
H559 H3068 H6918 H3478 H3335

וְאֶתְתָּ אֶל בְּנֵי שָׁאֵל וְאֶתְתָּ אֶל בְּנֵי
me of things to come Ask concerning my sons
H857 H7592 H5921 H1121 H5921

פָּעַל תְּצִדְקָה
and concerning the work of my hands command
H6467 H3027 H6680

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 48:17 (Holy): Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Jeremiah 33:3 (Parallel theme): Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Mark 11:24 (Parallel theme): Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Ezekiel 36:37 (References Lord): Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

Isaiah 29:23 (Holy): But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

Isaiah 43:21 (Parallel theme): This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

Isaiah 60:21 (Parallel theme): Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Jeremiah 31:9 (References Israel): They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Ephesians 2:10 (Parallel theme): For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Joshua 10:12 (References Lord): Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

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