

Isaiah 63:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.' This echoes 59:16 exactly - God finds no helper, acts alone. The Hebrew 'zera' (arm) represents divine power. Fury and salvation merge as God accomplishes His purposes.

Historical Context

The repeated theme of divine solo action emphasizes that salvation is entirely God's work. Human helpers fail; God prevails. This is the foundation of grace theology.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. Why is it important that salvation requires no human assistance?
2. How does God's self-sufficient action ground your assurance of salvation?

Interlinear Text

וַאֲבִיט And I looked H5027	וְאֵין H369	עַל־י and there was none to help H5826	וְאֶשְׁתּוֹמֶם and I wondered H8074	וְאֵין H369	סִמְכָתַנִּי: it upheld H5564
וְאֶשְׁע brought salvation H3467	לִי H0	זְרָעִי therefore mine own arm H2220	וְחִמָּתִי unto me and my fury H2534	הָיָא H1931	
					סִמְכָתַנִּי: it upheld H5564

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 44:3 (Salvation): For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

Isaiah 52:10 (Salvation): The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 40:10 (Parallel theme): Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

Isaiah 41:28 (Parallel theme): For I beheld, and there was no man; even among them, and there was no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.

Isaiah 50:2 (Parallel theme): Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot

redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.

Psalms 98:1 (Parallel theme): O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

John 16:32 (Parallel theme): Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

Hosea 1:7 (Salvation): But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

Isaiah 63:3 (Parallel theme): I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

1 Corinthians 1:24 (Parallel theme): But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.