

Isaiah 63:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.' The Hebrew 'tsar' (affliction) God shares. He doesn't observe suffering from distance but enters into it. The angel of His presence suggests divine presence in redemptive action.

Historical Context

This sympathetic suffering points to incarnation - God fully entering human affliction in Christ. The 'angel of his presence' anticipates Christ as the exact representation of God's being.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God's sharing in your affliction comfort you?
2. What does it mean that God has 'carried' His people through history?

Interlinear Text

בְּכָל	צָרָתָם	לֹא	צָרָה	וּמְלַאךְ	פָּנָיו
H3605	In all their affliction	H3808	he was afflicted	and the angel	of his presence
	H6869		H6862	H4397	H6440
וְהוֹשִׁיעַ	בְּאַהֲבָתוֹ	וּבְחַמְלָתוֹ	הוא	וְהוֹשִׁיעַ	
saved	them in his love	and in his pity	H1931	he redeemed	
H3467	H160	H2551		H1350	
וַיִּנָּטֵל	וַיִּנָּשֵׂא	כָּל	יְמֵי	עוֹלָם:	
them and he bare	them and carried	H3605	them all the days	of old	
H5190	H5375		H3117	H5769	

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 33:14 (Parallel theme): And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

Exodus 19:4 (Parallel theme): Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

Deuteronomy 1:31 (Parallel theme): And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

Acts 12:11 (Parallel theme): And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

Malachi 3:1 (Parallel theme): Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

Exodus 14:19 (Parallel theme): And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

Psalms 78:38 (Parallel theme): But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

Judges 10:16 (Parallel theme): And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

Revelation 1:5 (Love): And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Hebrews 4:15 (Parallel theme): For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

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