

Isaiah 65:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer;
and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Analysis

The stunning promise 'before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear' depicts God's anticipatory grace - answering before asking. This demonstrates omniscience (knowing needs before verbalized) and eagerness (ready to respond). The temporal language ('before...while yet') emphasizes that God doesn't wait for complete, perfect prayers but responds to incipient faith movements toward Him.

Historical Context

This new covenant reality reverses old covenant patterns where unanswered prayer signaled divine displeasure. Through Christ, believers have immediate access to Father who anticipates needs (Matthew 6:8). The 'before they call' promise appears in new creation context, showing prayer's ultimate fulfillment.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does knowing God answers 'before you call' change your approach to prayer?
2. What does God's eagerness to respond 'while you are yet speaking' reveal about His disposition toward His children?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיָה ה'	קָרָא	וְיָקֹרֵא אֹ	וְאֶנִּי י'	אֶעֱנֶה ה'
H1961	H2962	H7121	H589	H6030
		And it shall come to pass that before they call		I will answer
וְעַד ה'	יָמָיו	וְיִדְבַּר י'	וְאֶנִּי י'	אֶשְׁמָע:
H5750	H1992	H1696	H589	H8085
		and while they are yet speaking		I will hear

Additional Cross-References

Daniel 10:12 (Parallel theme): Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

Isaiah 58:9 (Kingdom): Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

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.

Psalms 91:15 (Parallel theme): He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

Psalms 50:15 (Parallel theme): And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Isaiah 55:6 (Parallel theme): Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Acts 4:31 (Parallel theme): And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Psalms 32:5 (Parallel theme): I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

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