

Psalms 106:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest
unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

Analysis

This is a personal prayer within the corporate psalm. 'Remember me' uses *zakar* (זָכַר), asking God to act favorably. 'With the favour that thou bearest unto thy people' requests inclusion in covenant blessings. 'Visit me' (*paqad*, פָּקַד) means to attend to, care for, or intervene on behalf of. The psalmist doesn't ask for unique blessings but to share in what God gives His people. This reflects covenant theology: individual blessing comes through membership in God's people. The prayer acknowledges that God's favor to His corporate body is sufficient—the psalmist wants nothing more than to participate in it.

Historical Context

This prayer likely reflects an individual Israelite's desire to share in national restoration, perhaps during exile or return from Babylon. Rather than seeking personal advancement apart from the community, the prayer binds individual hope to corporate covenant. This communal orientation was central to Israelite piety, contrasting with modern Western individualism.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does this verse challenge individualistic approaches to faith and blessing?
2. What does it mean to seek God's favor as part of His people rather than independently?
3. How should corporate covenant identity shape our personal prayers?

Interlinear Text

זָכֹר נִי	יְהוָה	בְּרַצ אֵין	עַמִּי בְּ
Remember	me O LORD	with the favour	that thou bearest unto thy people
H2142	H3068	H7522	H5971
פָּקֵד נִי	בִּישׁוּעָתְךָ:		
O visit	me with thy salvation		
H6485	H3444		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 119:132 (Parallel theme): Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

Luke 23:42 (References Lord): And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

Nehemiah 13:31 (Parallel theme): And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

Psalms 25:7 (References Lord): Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

Nehemiah 13:14 (Parallel theme): Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.

Acts 15:14 (Parallel theme): Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

Nehemiah 13:22 (Parallel theme): And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

Nehemiah 5:19 (Parallel theme): Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.