

Psalms 107:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

Analysis

This verse repeats the distress-cry-deliverance pattern (cf. v. 6). 'Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble' shows humbling produces desperate prayer. When humans exhaust their resources ('none to help,' v. 12), they turn to God. 'And he saved them out of their distresses' uses *yasha* (יָשָׁא), meaning to save, deliver, or give victory—the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'Yahweh saves.' God's salvation removes from distresses. The repetition of this pattern through all four scenarios emphasizes God's reliability: He consistently responds to those who cry to Him in trouble. This is His covenant character—faithful to deliver those who call.

Historical Context

When exile humbled Israel and they cried out in repentance, God moved Cyrus to decree return (Ezra 1). Daniel's prayers and confession (Daniel 9) exemplify the crying out that preceded deliverance. Throughout Scripture, when God's people genuinely cry out from humbled hearts, He responds with salvation. This pattern assures every generation that God hears and answers.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. Why does genuine crying out to God often require exhausting human solutions first?
2. How does the name 'Jesus' (Yeshua = Yahweh saves) fulfill this pattern?
3. What does God's consistent response to cries in trouble teach about His character?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּזְעֻקוּ	אֶל	יְהוָה	בְּצָרָם	לֵהֹמָם
Then they cried	H413	unto the LORD	in their trouble	H1992
H2199		H3068	H6862	
וַיִּצְלֵם	יְהוָה	אֶת	מִצְרֵיהֶם	
and he saved		them out of their	distresses	
H3467		H4691		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 107:28 (References Lord): Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

Psalms 107:6 (References Lord): Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

Judges 4:3 (References Lord): And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

Psalms 18:6 (References Lord): In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

Psalms 107:19 (Salvation): Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.

