

Psalm 107:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

This verse repeats the distress-cry-deliverance pattern (cf. vv. 6, 13). 'Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble' shows extremity drives prayer. At death's threshold, they cry out. 'And he saveth them out of their distresses' uses *yasha* (יָשַׁא), to save or deliver. The pattern's repetition across different scenarios (lost wanderers, imprisoned rebels, sick fools) emphasizes its universality: whatever the specific distress, crying to God brings salvation. This teaches that no situation is beyond God's power to deliver from, and that desperate prayer is the proper response to any extremity.

Historical Context

Scripture records numerous healings when sufferers cried to God: Hezekiah's terminal illness healed (2 Kings 20:1-6), Miriam's leprosy (Numbers 12:13-15), deadly snake bites (Numbers 21:7-9). Jesus' healing ministry demonstrated God's power to save from distresses of sickness. James instructs sick believers to call for elders to pray (James 5:14-15), continuing this pattern of crying to God in sickness.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Why does God often wait until we're in extremity before delivering?
2. How should sickness drive believers to prayer?
3. What is the relationship between faith, prayer, and healing?

Interlinear Text

לֹא מִבְּאָרֶב בְּאָרֶב אֶל תִּזְעַל וְיָשַׁעַם מִמְּאָקָוְתִּים וְיָשִׁיבֵם:
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 107:13 (Salvation): Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved 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.

Jeremiah 33:3 (Parallel theme): Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.