

Psalms 109:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, LORD,
hast done it.

Analysis

That they may know that this is thy hand (וַיָּדְעוּ כִּי־יָדְךָ זֹאת, ve-yed'u ki-yadkha zot)—Yada means know, recognize; yad means hand, often metaphorically for power, action. **That thou, LORD, hast done it** (אַתָּה יְהוָה עָשִׂיתָהּ, attah YHWH asitah)—Asah means make, do, accomplish.

Psalm 109 is an imprecatory psalm where David calls down judgment on enemies who have falsely accused him. Verses 21-26 plead for deliverance; verse 27 requests that vindication be so clear that observers recognize God's hand at work. This isn't about personal revenge but divine glory—that YHWH be known as the one who rescues his servants. Joseph's elevation (Genesis 50:20) and Jesus's resurrection demonstrate this pattern.

Historical Context

David faced multiple conspiracies (Saul's pursuit, Absalom's rebellion, court intrigues). Psalm 109's intensity suggests a particularly vicious false accusation. Early Christians applied imprecatory psalms to Christ's enemies (Acts 1:20 quotes Psalm 109:8), recognizing that opposition to God's anointed demands divine judgment.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. When have you prayed for vindication not for personal satisfaction but so God's name would be glorified?
2. How do you distinguish between godly desire for justice and sinful desire for revenge?
3. What does it mean to want deliverance to be clearly God's work rather than human achievement?

Interlinear Text

וְיָדְעוּ	כִּי	זֶה יָדְךָ	זֶה אֵל הַ	אֱלֹהֵי הַ	
That they may know	H3588	that this is thy hand	H2063	H859	that thou LORD
H3045		H3027			H3068

עָשִׂיתָ:
hast done
H6213

Additional Cross-References

Job 37:7 (Parallel theme): He sealet up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.

Exodus 8:19 (References Lord): Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

Acts 4:16 (Parallel theme): Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.

Psalms 126:2 (References Lord): Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

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