

Psalms 119:170

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

Analysis

Let my supplication come before thee (תְּבוֹאָה תְּחִנָּתִי לְפָנֶיךָ, tavo techinati lefanekha)—Techinah ('supplication, plea for grace') parallels v. 169's rinnah (cry). Bo ('come, enter, arrive') suggests entrance into the divine presence. The plea: **deliver me according to thy word** (כְּאִמְרַתְּךָ הַצִּילֵנִי, ke'imratekha hatzileni). Natzal ('deliver, rescue, snatch away') appears—deliverance measured by imrah (word, utterance, promise).

This anticipates Christ's high-priestly prayer (John 17), where He petitions the Father for believers' deliverance based on the Father's revealed will.

Historical Context

The parallel structure with v. 169 (cry/supplication, understanding/deliverance, according to Your Word) emphasizes that all spiritual blessing flows from God's self-revelation. The psalmist doesn't demand rights but pleads for grace (techinah), grounding his request in God's own promises rather than personal merit.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does praying for deliverance 'according to' God's Word keep your requests aligned with His will rather than your preferences?
2. What's the difference between demanding deliverance based on your needs versus pleading (*techinah*) for it based on God's promises?
3. How does Jesus's prayer for your deliverance in John 17:15 ('keep them from the evil') fulfill the psalmist's petition?

Interlinear Text

תָּבֹא	תְּחִנָּתִי	לִפְנֵי	כִּי אֶמְרָתְךָ	הַצִּילֵנִי:
come	Let my supplication	before	me according to thy word	thee deliver
H935	H8467	H6440	H565	H5337

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 119:41 (Word): Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

Psalms 28:2 (Parallel theme): Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

2 Samuel 7:25 (Word): And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said.