

# Psalms 119:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

## Analysis

**Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD**—(וְיִבְאֶנְיָ סִסְדָּךְ יְהֹוָה) Chesed (steadfast love, covenant loyalty, mercy) in plural form emphasizes abundant, manifold mercies. Bo (to come, enter) pictures God's mercies actively arriving at the psalmist's location. The Vav (ו) stanza begins with desperate need for God's covenant love. **Even thy salvation, according to thy word**—(תְּשׁוּעָתְךָ כְּאִמְרָתְךָ) Teshuah (salvation, deliverance) is defined by imrah (word, utterance). Salvation comes according to God's revealed promise, not human imagination or manipulation.

The psalmist links mercies and salvation as covenant package—God's loyal love produces deliverance for His people. This is grace theology: we don't earn salvation through obedience but receive it through God's mercies which come 'according to His word' (promise, not performance). This anticipates the New Covenant where salvation comes entirely through God's merciful promise in Christ, received through faith. The plural 'mercies' suggests ongoing, repeated expressions of covenant love—not one-time salvation but continuous deliverance.

## Historical Context

Israel's entire history was cycles of sin, judgment, crying for mercy, and deliverance—the pattern of Judges repeated nationally. The psalmist writes from this covenantal framework where God's chesed (loyal love) repeatedly rescued

covenant-breakers who didn't deserve deliverance. This mercy-salvation pattern climaxes in Christ's once-for-all deliverance of undeserving sinners.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the plural 'mercies' (not just mercy) shape your expectation of God's ongoing, repeated covenant love in your life?
2. What's the significance of salvation coming 'according to thy word' rather than according to your feelings, circumstances, or worthiness?
3. Where do you need God's mercies and salvation to 'come' to you right now—what specific deliverance are you asking for?

## Interlinear Text

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פָּאָמְרָתֶךָ:

according to thy word

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 119:58** (Word): I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

**Psalms 69:16** (References Lord): Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

**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.

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