

Psalms 119:94

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

Analysis

I am thine, save me (לְךָ אָנָּי הַשְׁעָנִי) —Covenant language: lekha (to you, yours) establishes ownership. The psalmist's plea for salvation (yasha, save, deliver) rests not on personal merit but on belonging to God. **For I have sought thy precepts** (כִּי פִקְדִּיךְ דָּרַשְׁתִּי) —Not a claim of perfection, but evidence of regeneration. Darash (seek, inquire, study) implies diligent pursuit, not casual interest.

This mirrors covenant formulae: "I will be your God, and you shall be my people" (Jeremiah 7:23). Salvation flows from relationship, not transaction. The psalmist's seeking precepts demonstrates genuine faith—James 2:18's "show me your faith by your works." Jesus echoed this in John 10:27-28: "My sheep hear my voice... and I give unto them eternal life."

Historical Context

"I am thine" recalls Ruth's pledge to Naomi (Ruth 1:16), the marriage covenant, and Israel's Sinai vow (Exodus 19:8). In ancient Near Eastern treaties, the vassal's declaration "I am yours" acknowledged the suzerain's protective obligation. The psalmist invokes covenant fidelity.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does understanding salvation as belonging to God (rather than acquiring something from Him) change your approach to prayer?
2. In what areas of life do you need to more fully embrace "I am thine"—God's ownership of your time, resources, relationships?

Interlinear Text

דָּרְשָׁתִי פְּקָדֵךְ יְהוָה הוֹשִׁיעֵנִי אַנְתֶּךָ לְבָנָה H1875 H6490 H3467 I am thine save thy precepts me for I have sought H3588 H589 H0

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 44:2 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

Psalms 86:2 (Salvation): Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Psalms 119:27 (Parallel theme): Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

Psalms 119:40 (Parallel theme): Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

Zephaniah 3:17 (Salvation): The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Isaiah 44:5 (Parallel theme): One shall say, I am the LORD'S; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel.

Psalms 119:173 (Parallel theme): Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

