

Psalms 124:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Analysis

The psalm concludes with a theological affirmation: 'Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.' This verse provides the foundation for all preceding deliverance - help comes from the Creator God. The phrase 'name of the LORD' represents God's revealed character, reputation, and presence. To find help 'in the name' means trusting God's character and covenant faithfulness. The description 'who made heaven and earth' establishes God's ultimate authority and power - as Creator of all, He controls all. If God made heaven and earth, then enemy nations, proud waters, and fowlers' snares are all subject to His sovereignty. This verse moves from specific historical deliverance to universal theological truth applicable to all situations. Creator-God is Deliverer-God. The psalm ends with confident confession that can sustain God's people through future trials.

Historical Context

The confession 'maker of heaven and earth' appears repeatedly in Scripture (Genesis 14:19, 22; Psalm 115:15; 121:2; 134:3; 146:6), especially in contexts of deliverance or blessing. This affirmation distinguishes Israel's God from pagan deities associated with limited domains. The Creator controls all reality; therefore, no threat exceeds His power to deliver.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God's identity as Creator serve as foundation for confidence in deliverance?
2. What is the significance of help being 'in the name of the LORD' rather than merely 'from' the LORD?
3. How does the universal scope ('heaven and earth') apply God's past deliverances to future situations?
4. In what ways does creation doctrine support practical faith during trials?
5. How might this verse serve as a confession of faith during times of threat or fear?

Interlinear Text

עֲזָרָתִי	בְּשֵׁם	יְהוָה	עֲשֵׂה	שָׁמַיִם	וְאֶרֶץ:
Our help	is in the name	of the LORD	who made	heaven	and earth
H5828	H8034	H3068	H6213	H8064	H776

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 121:2 (Creation): My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

Acts 4:24 (Creation): And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

Jeremiah 32:17 (Creation): Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Psalms 115:15 (Creation): Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

Psalms 134:3 (Creation): The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

Genesis 1:1 (Creation): In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

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