

Psalm 145:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Analysis

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. God's responsive care for the reverent—rētson-yēre'av ya'a'seh (רְצִוָּה־אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה) "the desire of those who fear Him He will do." Yirah (יראה) "fear" means reverent awe, not servile terror—loving respect that shapes behavior. God fulfills desires aligned with His will, not sinful cravings (Psalm 37:4, 1 John 5:14-15).

He also will hear their cry, and will save them (ve'et-shav'atam yishma' vēyoshi'em, וְאֵת־שָׁבָתָם יִשְׁמַע וְיִשְׁוֹבֵן) —the sequence hearing→saving demonstrates divine compassion. Yasha (ישָׁבֵן) "save" encompasses both deliverance from danger and ultimate redemption, anticipating Jesus (Yeshua, "Yahweh saves") who saves His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).

Historical Context

God's hearing the cry of the oppressed distinguished Him from pagan deities supposedly indifferent to human suffering. He heard Israel's cry in Egyptian bondage (Exodus 2:24-25, 3:7-9), establishing the pattern of divine responsiveness to those who fear Him. This promise sustained believers through exile and persecution.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 – Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does genuine fear of God shape the desires believers bring to Him in prayer?
2. What is the relationship between God hearing prayer and God saving those who cry to Him?
3. How can this promise provide assurance without guaranteeing immunity from trials or suffering?

Interlinear Text

רָצֹן	יִרְאָה	הַיְשֵׁשׁ	וְאַתָּה	שִׁיעַת	עִם	שָׁמָע
the desire	of them that fear	He will fulfil	H853	their cry	him he also will hear	
H7522	H3373	H6213		H7775		H8085

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 37:4 (Parallel theme): Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

John 15:7 (Parallel theme): If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Matthew 5:6 (Parallel theme): Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

1 John 5:15 (Parallel theme): And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Psalms 91:15 (Parallel theme): He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

John 16:24 (Parallel theme): Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Psalms 34:9 (Parallel theme): O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

Psalms 34:17 (Parallel theme): The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

John 15:16 (Parallel theme): Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Psalms 20:4 (Parallel theme): Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.