

Psalms 18:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Analysis

David calls on Yahweh who is 'worthy to be praised' and finds salvation from enemies. The Hebrew 'halal' (praised) means to boast or celebrate loudly. Calling on God in faith results in deliverance. This pattern—invocation, trust, salvation—appears throughout Scripture and anticipates Romans 10:13: 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' Reformed theology sees effectual calling as God drawing us to cry out.

Historical Context

Written after experiencing multiple deliverances from mortal danger, establishing a pattern of prayer and divine rescue that built David's faith.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How consistently do you call on God when facing threats or difficulties?
2. What past deliverances strengthen your confidence to call on Him now?

Interlinear Text

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who is worthy to be praised	I will call	upon the LORD	H4480	from mine enemies
H1984	H7121	H3068		H341
אַנְשִׁי:				
so shall I be saved				
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Additional Cross-References

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.

Psalms 145:3 (Resurrection): Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

Luke 1:71 (Salvation): That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

Psalms 62:8 (Parallel theme): Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

2 Samuel 22:4 (Salvation): I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Psalms 96:4 (Resurrection): For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

Psalms 55:16 (Salvation): As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

Psalms 50:15 (Parallel theme): And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Nehemiah 9:5 (Resurrection): Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

Revelation 4:11 (References Lord): Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

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