

Psalm 18:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

Analysis

Enemies cried for help but there was no savior, even crying to Yahweh who didn't answer. This stark verse shows God's judgment—He doesn't answer the wicked's appeals. Their crying 'to Yahweh' suggests false or presumptuous prayers. This anticipates Jesus' warning that not everyone who says 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom (Matthew 7:21-23). Reformed theology teaches that God chooses whom to save; mercy is not obligated.

Historical Context

Reflects the experience of Israel's enemies who may have invoked Yahweh's name in desperation without covenant relationship or genuine repentance.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does God's silence to some prayers teach about the nature of prayer?
2. How do you ensure your prayers flow from genuine relationship rather than mere need?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּקְרֹב אֵין יָשִׁיב

They cried

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but there was none to save

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אָתָּה:

but he answered

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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 1:28 (Parallel theme): Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

Job 27:9 (Parallel theme): Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

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