

# Psalms 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

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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

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

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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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

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| וַיִּשָּׁעוּ וַ        | אֵין | מוֹשֶׁה יֵעַ                      | עַל   | ! הִנֵּה                       | אֵל אֵל |
| <b>They cried</b>      | H369 | <b>but there was none to save</b> | H5921 | <b>them even unto the LORD</b> | H3808   |
| H7768                  |      | H3467                             |       | H3068                          |         |
| עָנָם:                 |      |                                   |       |                                |         |
| <b>but he answered</b> |      |                                   |       |                                |         |
| H6030                  |      |                                   |       |                                |         |

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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