

# Psalm 22:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

## Analysis

The plea 'be not thou far from me, O LORD' (repeated from v.11) emphasizes desperate need for divine presence. 'O my strength' acknowledges that all help comes from God alone. 'Haste thee to help me' expresses urgency. Reformed theology sees this as Christ's prayer in His humanity—genuinely dependent on the Father, truly needing divine assistance, modeling perfect trust even in extremity. His prayers were heard because of His godly fear (Heb. 5:7).

## Historical Context

This prayer-cry would be used by suffering saints throughout history. For Jesus, the 'haste' was answered in resurrection—God did not leave His soul in Sheol nor allow His Holy One to see corruption (Acts 2:27).

## Related Passages

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

1. How does Christ's desperate prayer model authentic, urgent prayer for you?
2. In what situations do you need to cry 'haste thee to help me' today?

## Interlinear Text

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לְצַדְקָתִי אֵלֶיךָ תְּלַזֵּן אֵלֶיךָ תְּלַזֵּן  
H859 from me O LORD H3068 H408 But be not thou far H7368 H360 O my strength H5833 thee to help

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**haste**

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 22:11** (Parallel theme): Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

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