

Psalms 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

וְאֵתָּה	יְהוָה	אֵל	תִּרְחֹק	אֶיְלֹוֹתַי	לְעֶזְרִי
H859	from me O LORD	H408	But be not thou far	O my strength	thee to help
	H3068		H7368	H360	H5833

חֲשֵׁה:
haste
H2363

Additional Cross-References

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