

Psalms 22:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

Analysis

This cry of apparent divine absence captures the mystery of unanswered prayer and spiritual darkness. The tension between crying 'in the daytime' and 'in the night season' emphasizes unrelenting anguish. Reformed theology acknowledges that God sovereignly ordained Christ's abandonment on the cross (Matt. 27:46) to accomplish redemption. God's silence to the suffering Savior secured God's attentive hearing to believing sinners. This verse demonstrates that persistent prayer pleases God even when immediate answers don't come.

Historical Context

David likely wrote this during persecution, but the language transcends his experience, prophetically describing Christ's crucifixion. Jesus' quotation of verse 1 on the cross (Matt. 27:46) identifies Him as the ultimate Sufferer this psalm describes.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How do you maintain faith when God seems silent to your persistent prayers?
2. What does Christ's experience of divine abandonment reveal about the cost of your redemption?

Interlinear Text

אֱלֹהֵי י	אֶקְרָא	י וְיָמָם	וְלַיְלָא	תִּשְׁמָעַה
O my God	I cry	in the daytime	H3808	but thou hearest
H430	H7121	H3119		H6030
לַיְלָא	וְלַיְלָא	וְיָמָם	וְלַיְלָא	לִי
not and in the night season	H3808	and am not silent	H0	
H3915		H1747		

Additional Cross-References

Luke 18:7 (References God): And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

Psalms 42:3 (References God): My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

Psalms 88:1 (References God): O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee:

Matthew 26:44 (Parallel theme): And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

1 Thessalonians 3:10 (Parallel theme): Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

Luke 6:12 (References God): And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

2 Timothy 1:3 (References God): I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

Psalms 80:4 (References God): O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

Lamentations 3:44 (Parallel theme): Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through.

Lamentations 3:8 (Parallel theme): Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer.

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