

Psalms 27:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

Analysis

The cry 'Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me' combines petition for audience, compassion, and response. 'Hear' asks for divine attention; 'have mercy' asks for compassion; 'answer me' asks for action. Reformed theology emphasizes that prayer is covenant communication—God has bound Himself to hear His people's cries. We don't earn His hearing through eloquence but through relationship. The plea for mercy acknowledges we deserve nothing, yet God graciously responds.

Historical Context

Israel's covenant included promises that God would hear their cries (Ex. 3:7). This assurance sustained prayer through generations. God's hearing didn't depend on merit but on His covenant faithfulness.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does knowing God 'hears when you cry' encourage persistent prayer?

2. What does crying for 'mercy' teach about the basis of answered prayer?

Interlinear Text

שְׁמַע	יְהוָה	קוֹלִי	אֶקְרָא	יְסֻי־נִי	וְעֲנֵנִי:
Hear	O LORD	with my voice	when I cry	have mercy	also upon me and answer
H8085	H3068	H6963	H7121	H2603	H6030

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 5:2 (Parallel theme): Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

Psalms 13:3 (References Lord): Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

Psalms 4:1 (Grace): Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

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