

Psalm 44:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

Analysis

The declaration 'Thou art my King, O God' establishes covenant relationship between the nation and its divine sovereign. The petition 'command deliverances for Jacob' appeals to God's authority to simply order salvation into existence. 'Jacob' here is a synonym for Israel, recalling the patriarch who received the covenant promises.

Historical Context

Israel's unique kingship theology held that Yahweh was the true king, with human kings serving as His vice-regents. This understanding shaped Israel's political theology and later messianic expectations.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does addressing God as 'my King' reveal about the psalmist's understanding of divine authority?
2. How does God 'command' deliverances, and what does this teach about His sovereignty?

Interlinear Text

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H859 H1931 Thou art my King H4428 O God H430 command H6680 deliverances H3444 for Jacob H3290

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 74:12 (Kingdom): For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

Psalms 42:8 (References God): Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Mark 9:25 (Parallel theme): When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.