

Psalms 5:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

Analysis

David's prayer acknowledges God's dual role as King and personal God. 'My King' (Hebrew 'malki') emphasizes God's sovereign authority and ruling power, while 'my God' (Hebrew 'Elohai') speaks to intimate covenant relationship. This combination reflects the full biblical understanding of God - transcendent yet immanent, sovereign yet personal. The vow 'unto thee will I pray' demonstrates exclusive devotion: David will not turn to idols or human help but to Yahweh alone. Prayer is covenant privilege and responsibility.

Historical Context

Morning prayers were central to Jewish devotional life. David's addressing God as both King and personal deity reflects Israel's unique theology - unlike pagan nations who separated cosmic deities from personal household gods. This unified vision of God as both sovereign Creator and covenant Father anticipates the New Testament revelation of God as our Abba Father.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. Do you approach God with both reverence for His sovereignty and confidence in His personal care?
2. How consistent is your commitment to pray exclusively to God rather than relying on other sources?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 65:2 (Prayer): O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Psalms 3:4 (Parallel theme): I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

Isaiah 33:22 (Kingdom): For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.

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

Psalms 145:1 (Kingdom): I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Psalms 84:3 (Kingdom): Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

