

Psalm 55:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

Analysis

The shift from imprecation to trust demonstrates biblical prayer's movement from lament to faith. 'I will call upon God' affirms covenant confidence despite circumstances. The parallelism with 'the LORD shall save me' reveals that calling and deliverance are inseparably linked—not as magic but as covenant promise grounded in God's faithfulness to His elect.

Historical Context

This verse marks a turning point in the psalm from lament to confidence, a common structure in Davidic psalms. David's faith rests on God's covenant promises to establish his throne forever (2 Samuel 7:12-16).

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does persistent prayer in suffering demonstrate faith rather than doubt?
2. What covenant promises sustain you when circumstances seem to contradict God's goodness?

Interlinear Text

וְשִׁיבַעֲנִי יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶלָּא אָנִי
I will call upon God and the LORD shall save me
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 50:15 (Parallel theme): And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Psalms 109:4 (Parallel theme): For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

Psalms 73:28 (References God): But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

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