

Psalms 55:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud:
and he shall hear my voice.

Analysis

The threefold daily prayer pattern ('evening, morning, and at noon') anticipates Daniel's practice (Daniel 6:10) and reflects Jewish devotional tradition. The Hebrew 'siach' (meditate/complain) shows that prayer encompasses both pouring out grief and meditative worship. God's hearing is certain ('he shall hear my voice'), demonstrating that frequency in prayer flows from relationship, not ritual.

Historical Context

The three daily prayer times became standard in Jewish practice, corresponding to morning sacrifice, evening sacrifice, and midday. This discipline maintained covenant fellowship throughout the day regardless of circumstances.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does regular prayer rhythm shape your awareness of God's presence throughout daily life?
2. In what ways does persistent prayer in suffering differ from vain repetition?

Interlinear Text

עֶרֶב	וְבֹקֶר	! צֶהְרִים	אֲשֶׁר יִתֶּה	וְאֶהֱמוּ ה	וְשָׁמַע
Evening	and morning	and at noon	will I pray	and cry aloud	and he shall hear
H6153	H1242	H6672	H7878	H1993	H8085
קוֹלִי:					
my voice					
H6963					

Additional Cross-References

Ephesians 6:18 (Prayer): Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (Prayer): Pray without ceasing.

Psalms 141:2 (Prayer): Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Acts 3:1 (Prayer): Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

Hebrews 5:7 (Prayer): Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Acts 10:9 (Prayer): On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

Mark 1:35 (Prayer): And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Daniel 6:10 (Prayer): Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Psalms 92:2 (Parallel theme): To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning,
and thy faithfulness every night,

Psalms 119:62 (Parallel theme): At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee
because of thy righteous judgments.

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