

Psalms 55:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

Analysis

The call for attention: 'Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise.' 'Attend' and 'hear' intensify the plea for divine engagement. 'Mourn' and 'make a noise' describe the emotional turmoil--restless grief, vocal distress. David holds nothing back in expressing his agitation.

Historical Context

The Hebrew terms suggest restless, distracted wandering of mind and vocal groaning. David's prayer includes emotional honesty, not composed religious language.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Why is emotional honesty important in prayer?
2. What does David's 'mourning and making noise' model for us?

Interlinear Text

בְּשִׁיחַ יְהֹה
לְיִשְׁעָנָה יְהֹה
אֶרְאֵנָה יְהֹה
לְעַתְּנָה יְהֹה

Attend

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unto me and hear

H6030

אֶרְאֵנָה

I mourn

H7300

בְּשִׁיחַ יְהֹה
in my complaint

H7879

H7181

אֲקִיםָה:

and make a noise

H1949

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 38:14 (Parallel theme): Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.

Psalms 66:19 (Parallel theme): But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Psalms 64:1 (Parallel theme): Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

Psalms 43:2 (Parallel theme): For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

Psalms 77:3 (Parallel theme): I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

Psalms 38:6 (Parallel theme): I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

Isaiah 59:11 (Parallel theme): We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.