

Psalms 66:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Analysis

The psalmist's confidence rests on God's character—"Verily God hath heard me." The emphatic 'verily' underscores absolute certainty of answered prayer. 'Attended to the voice of my prayer' shows God's active engagement with His people's petitions, not distant indifference. This assurance flows from covenant relationship; God hears because the psalmist belongs to Him. It anticipates John 9:31 and 1 John 3:22, linking answered prayer to righteous living and God's will.

Historical Context

Israel's confidence in prayer rested on God's covenant promises, particularly Deuteronomy 4:7: 'what nation is there so great, who hath a God so nigh unto them?' God's attentiveness distinguished Israel from pagan nations whose idols couldn't hear (Psalm 115:4-7).

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What gives you confidence that God hears and attends to your prayers?

2. How do you reconcile God's promise to hear prayer with times when answers seem delayed or different than expected?
3. In what ways does covenant relationship with God through Christ guarantee His attention to your prayers?

Interlinear Text

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| But verily | hath heard | God | me he hath attended | to the voice | of my prayer |
| H403 | H8085 | H430 | H7181 | H6963 | H8605 |

Additional Cross-References

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;

Psalms 6:9 (Prayer): The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

Psalms 34:6 (Parallel theme): This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.