

Psalms 7:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.

Analysis

Having established his innocence, David now pleads for God's intervention. 'Arise' calls God to action from His seeming inactivity. 'In thine anger' requests that God's wrath be directed at the wicked, not David. 'Awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded' appeals to God's own commitment to justice. This teaches that God's people can appeal to His character and promises when seeking vindication. The prayer anticipates the final judgment when God will arise to vindicate His people.

Historical Context

The call for God to 'arise' echoes the prayer when Israel's ark moved forward (Numbers 10:35). 'The judgment that thou hast commanded' refers to God's covenant promise to judge righteously. David appeals to God's own standards of justice, showing that God's law is not arbitrary but rooted in His character.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Do you pray with confidence in God's commitment to justice and vindication?
2. How does anticipation of God's final judgment affect your response to present injustice?

Interlinear Text

בָּעֵבֶר וְתִּ	הַנִּשְׁאָ	בָּאָפְּנֵי	יְהִי הָ	קַמְתָּה	Arise	O LORD	in thine anger	lift up	thyself because of the rage
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צָרָבְּנִי	אַל	עֲוֹנָה	וְרָא	מִשְׁפָּט	of mine enemies	and awake	H413	for me to the judgment	H4941
H6887	H5782								
צָרָבְּנִי									
that thou hast commanded									
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 44:23 (Resurrection): Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.

Psalms 35:23 (Judgment): Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

Psalms 3:7 (Resurrection): Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

Isaiah 33:10 (Resurrection): Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

Psalms 138:7 (Judgment): Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

Psalms 44:26 (Resurrection): Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

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