

Psalms 72:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

Analysis

The note 'The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended' marks the conclusion of a major psalm collection. Yet Psalms attributed to David appear later (e.g., 86, 103), suggesting this marks an earlier compilation's end. The personal note reminds us these weren't abstract theological statements but prayers from a real man—shepherd, warrior, king, sinner, and saint. David's prayers became Scripture, modeling honest, passionate communication with God for all generations.

Historical Context

This editorial note indicates Psalms were compiled over time from various sources. David's psalms formed a core collection, later supplemented with psalms from other authors and periods.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How do David's prayers—honest, raw, faithful—model authentic communication with God?

2. What can you learn from how David's personal prayers became universal Scripture for all believers?
3. In what ways should your prayers reflect David's combination of desperation, faith, and worship?

Interlinear Text

כְּלֹא תִּפְלֶל עוֹד
are ended The prayers of David the son of Jesse
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Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 23:1 (References David): Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

Job 31:40 (Parallel theme): Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

Jeremiah 51:64 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

Luke 24:51 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.