

Psalm 89:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

Analysis

He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. This verse reveals the intimate covenant relationship between God and the Davidic king, expressed through three titles: Father, God, and Rock. **He shall cry unto me** (הָעֵד יִקְרָא אֵלָנִי) uses qārā' (קָרָא), meaning to call out, proclaim, invoke—indicating both prayer and public declaration. This crying out suggests dependence and relationship, not mere formality.

Thou art my father (אָבִי 'ābî 'āt-tāh, אָבִי אָתָה) is revolutionary—God as Father to the king. While common in Near Eastern royal ideology, in Israel this carried unique covenant meaning. God adopted the Davidic king as His son (2 Samuel 7:14, Psalm 2:7), creating a father-son relationship. **My God** ('ēlî, אֵלִי) expresses personal faith and covenant loyalty. **The rock of my salvation** (וְשֻׁרְעָתִי yə-šû'ātî, וְשֻׁרְעָתִי) employs šûr (צָר), a massive cliff or bedrock—unchanging, immovable, secure foundation. Combined with yəšû'āh (יְשֻׁעָה, "salvation"), this declares God as the unshakeable source of deliverance.

These titles find ultimate fulfillment in Christ, who uniquely calls God "My Father" (John 20:17), cries "My God, my God" (Matthew 27:46), and is Himself the Rock (1 Corinthians 10:4). The Father-Son relationship, implied in David's covenant, is revealed fully in Christ's divine sonship.

Historical Context

David frequently called upon God as his rock and refuge (2 Samuel 22:2-3, 47; Psalm 18:2). The father-son language established in 2 Samuel 7:14 ('I will be his father, and he shall be my son') shaped Israelite royal theology. Yet no Davidic king perfectly embodied this relationship until Jesus, whom the Father declared 'my beloved Son' (Matthew 3:17), who taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father' (Matthew 6:9), and who perfectly trusted God as His rock even unto death.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the Davidic king calling God 'my father' prepare Israel to understand Jesus's unique Sonship and our adoption as children of God?
2. What does it mean to cry out to God as 'the rock of my salvation'—how does this metaphor assure believers of security in Christ?
3. In what ways did Jesus perfectly fulfill this verse's vision of the king's relationship with God the Father?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 7:14 (Parallel theme): I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

2 Samuel 22:47 (Salvation): The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

Psalms 95:1 (Salvation): O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Matthew 26:42 (Parallel theme): He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

Psalms 18:46 (Salvation): The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Psalms 62:2 (Salvation): He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

John 11:41 (Parallel theme): Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.