

Psalms 9:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged
in thy sight.

Analysis

The Hebrew 'enosh' (mortal man) emphasizes human frailty in contrast to God's sovereignty. David's prayer reflects the Reformed understanding that human autonomy is rebellion—man must not 'prevail' in his own strength. This anticipates Christ's teaching that apart from Him we can do nothing (John 15:5).

Historical Context

Written in context of military threats where human armies sought dominance. The prayer asks God to assert His authority over earthly powers.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. In what areas do you struggle with self-reliance rather than God-dependence?
2. How does human frailty point us to our need for God's strength?

Interlinear Text

קוּמָה	יְהוָה	אֵל	יַעֲזֵז	אֶנּוּשׁ	יִשְׁפֹּט וְ	גּוֹיִם	עַל
Arise	O LORD	H408	prevail	H376	be judged	let the heathen	H5921
H6965	H3068		H5810		H8199	H1471	
פְּנִיָּה:							
in thy sight							
H6440							

Additional Cross-References

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.

Psalms 10:12 (Resurrection): Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

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

Psalms 7:6 (Judgment): 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.

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

Isaiah 51:9 (References Lord): Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?

Psalms 149:7 (Parallel theme): To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

Psalms 79:6 (Judgment): Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

Zephaniah 3:8 (Resurrection): Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

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