

Psalm 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

Psalm 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

עַל גַּזְעַי מִשְׁפָּט וְאֶנְשָׁשׁ יְלִכְתָּה אֶל יְהוָה כִּי תְּבִנֵּה
Arise O LORD prevail be judged let the heathen H5921
H6965 H3068 H408 H5810 H376 H8199 H1471

פָּנֶיךָ:
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.

From KJV Study • kjvstudy.org