

Psalm 99:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

Analysis

Moses, Aaron, and Samuel exemplify leaders who 'called upon' God and received answers, demonstrating that God responds to His servants. These three represent different offices—prophet (Moses), priest (Aaron), and prophet-judge (Samuel)—showing that God hears various types of leaders. The phrase 'he answered them' (ya'anem) emphasizes God's responsiveness to prayer. This verse establishes the principle that God's holiness doesn't make Him distant but rather invites relationship through proper approach. Their intercession prefigures Christ's priestly mediation.

Historical Context

Moses interceded for Israel (Exodus 32), Aaron made atonement (Numbers 16:48), and Samuel prayed for the nation (1 Samuel 7:9)—all demonstrating God's faithfulness to answer prayer.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How do the examples of Moses, Aaron, and Samuel encourage you to bold intercession on behalf of others?
2. What can you learn from these leaders about the kind of relationship with God that results in answered prayer?

Interlinear Text

לְךָ אַיִם וְשָׁמוֹאֵל בְּכָבֵן יְהוָה מִשְׁאֵה
Moses and Aaron among his priests and Samuel among them that call
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שְׁמָה וְאַל לְךָ אַיִם אֶל הַתְּהִלָּה וְאֶל שְׁמָה
upon his name among them that call upon the LORD
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וַיֹּאמֶר
and he answered
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 15:1 (References Lord): Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth.

Exodus 15:25 (References Lord): And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,

Exodus 14:15 (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

