

1 Chronicles 16:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

David's psalm declares: 'Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place.' This verse pairs four attributes found in God's presence: glory (kavod), honor (hadar), strength (oz), and gladness (chedvah). These qualities aren't abstract but experientially known by those who dwell in God's presence. The parallelism - presence/place - indicates where God dwells, these blessings exist. This anticipates the New Testament reality that believers are God's temple, His dwelling place (1 Corinthians 3:16), and therefore experience these blessings. Christ's presence brings glory, honor, strength, and joy to His people.

Historical Context

Proclaimed when the ark entered Jerusalem (c. 1000 BCE), this verse established temple worship's theological foundation - God's presence brings blessing. The Levites would repeat this daily, reminding Israel that worship's goal is experiencing God's presence, which transforms worshipers.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. Do you consciously seek God's presence to experience His glory, strength, and gladness, or do you settle for religious duty without divine encounter?
2. What would it mean to live daily in awareness that God's presence dwells in you through the Spirit?

Interlinear Text

הֹדָּה	וְהוֹדָר	לִפְנֵי יוֹ	עֹז	וְדִדָּה	בְּמִקְוֵהוּ:
Glory	and honour	are in his presence	strength	and gladness	are in his place
H1935	H1926	H6440	H5797	H2304	H4725

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 96:6 (Parallel theme): Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Psalms 16:11 (Parallel theme): Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.