

2 Chronicles 5:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;

Analysis

The temple dedication climax 'it came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD... the house was filled with a cloud' links unified worship with divine presence. The phrase 'as one' (k'echad) emphasizes harmony - multiple voices/instruments creating singular praise. The cloud (Shekinah glory) manifests God's approval and presence, echoing Exodus 40:34-35 when glory filled the tabernacle. This demonstrates that true worship unites God's people and attracts His manifest presence. The New Testament fulfillment occurs at Pentecost when the Spirit fills the gathered church (Acts 2).

Historical Context

The temple dedication (c. 960 BCE) represented Israel's worship zenith - perfect structure, unified praise, and divine glory. This golden moment, though eventually lost through sin and exile, established the pattern of corporate worship's power.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does unity in worship - 'as one' - affect God's manifest presence in corporate gatherings?
2. What divisions or discord in your church hinder the Spirit's full work among you?

Interlinear Text

Additional Cross-References

Ezra 3:11 (Grace): And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

2 Chronicles 7:3 (Grace): And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Isaiah 52:8 (Sin): Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

Jeremiah 33:11 (Grace): The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

Psalms 100:5 (Grace): For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

2 Chronicles 20:21 (Grace): And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Acts 4:32 (Parallel theme): And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

Jeremiah 32:39 (Good): And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

Romans 15:6 (References Lord): That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.