

2 Chronicles 6:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:

Analysis

Solomon's prayer begins: 'And said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts.' The declaration of YHWH's uniqueness ('no God like thee') establishes monotheistic foundation. The two divine attributes emphasized are covenant-keeping (shomer habrit) and mercy-showing (chesed). These aren't abstract qualities but are demonstrated toward 'thy servants who walk before thee with all their hearts' - those in covenant relationship exhibiting wholehearted devotion. This teaches that God's faithfulness and mercy operate within covenant framework, ultimately fulfilled in Christ who secures the covenant through His blood.

Historical Context

Solomon's dedicatory prayer (c. 960 BCE) established theological framework for temple worship. His emphasis on covenant and mercy reflected Deuteronomic theology while appealing to God's character as basis for confidence in prayer.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God's covenant-keeping and mercy-showing character provide confidence for your prayers?
2. What does 'walking before God with all your heart' practically require in your daily life?

Interlinear Text

אָלֶה יִם	כָּמ וְךָ	אֵין	יִשְׂרָאֵל	אֱלֹהֵ יִם	יְהוָה ה	וַיֹּאמֶר
God	H3644	H369	of Israel	God	O LORD	And said
H430			H3478	H430	H3068	H559
הַבְּרִית	שֶׁמֶר	וּבְאָרֶץ	בְּשֵׁמֶ יִם			
covenant	which keepeth	nor in the earth	like thee in the heaven			
H1285	H8104	H776	H8064			
בְּכָל	לִפְנֵי יְךָ	הַהֹלֵכִ יִם	לְעֶבְדֶּךָ יְךָ	וְהֵא שֶׁד		
H3605	H6440	H1980	H5650	and shewest mercy		
				H2617		
				לְבָבָם:		
				thee with all their hearts		
				H3820		

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 15:11 (References God): Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Deuteronomy 7:9 (Grace): Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Psalms 89:6 (References Lord): For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

Psalms 89:28 (Grace): My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

Psalms 89:8 (References God): O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Jeremiah 10:6 (References Lord): Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O LORD; thou art great, and thy name is great in might.

Nehemiah 1:5 (Grace): And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

1 Chronicles 29:20 (References God): And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king.

Genesis 17:1 (References God): And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Genesis 33:20 (References Israel): And he erected there an altar, and called it El-elohe-Israel.