

Ezekiel 39:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

Analysis

God's promise after Gog's defeat: 'Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.' The phrase 'hide my face' (astir panai, אָסֵתֵר פָּנֵי) describes divine withdrawal and judgment (compare Deuteronomy 31:17-18, Isaiah 54:8). God promises to never again withdraw His presence—a permanent covenant commitment. The basis: 'I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel.' The verb 'poured out' (shaphakhti, שָׁפַךְתִּי) suggests abundant, overwhelming bestowal. This connects to promises in 36:27 and Joel 2:28-29, fulfilled at Pentecost (Acts 2:17). The indwelling Spirit guarantees God's permanent presence with His people. This moves from old covenant pattern (glory departing/returning) to new covenant reality (abiding presence through the Spirit).

Historical Context

The historical context involves God's glory departing the temple (chapters 8-11) due to Israel's sin—God 'hid His face' in judgment through exile. The promise of never hiding His face again represents the new covenant's superior glory (2 Corinthians 3:7-11). The Spirit's outpouring creates permanent relationship unbreakable by human sin because Christ's atonement and the Spirit's sealing secure believers eternally (Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 8:38-39). While Ezekiel contextually addresses Israel, the New Testament shows fulfillment in the church as true Israel (Galatians 6:16) indwelt by God's Spirit. The promise assures that

new covenant believers enjoy permanent divine presence—God will never abandon those in whom His Spirit dwells.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does the promise that God will never hide His face from Spirit-indwelt believers assure you of eternal security?
2. What difference does the Spirit's permanent indwelling make in your daily experience of God's presence?

Interlinear Text

אַלְאָתָת יְהִי כְּפָנֵי רָאשָׁךְ
H3808 Neither will I hide H5750 my face H1992 H834
H5641 H6440

שֶׁפֶךְ כִּתְאֵי אֶת רָוחַי עַל בַּיִת
any more from them for I have poured out H853 my spirit H5921 upon the house
H8210 H7307 H1004

יְהֹוָה אָדָם יְהִי כְּפָנֵי שְׁבָא לְ
of Israel saith the Lord GOD
H3478 H5002 H136 H3069

Additional Cross-References

Joel 2:28 (Spirit): And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Isaiah 32:15 (Spirit): Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

1 John 3:24 (Spirit): And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

Isaiah 45:17 (References Lord): But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

Zechariah 12:10 (Spirit): And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Acts 2:33 (Spirit): Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

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