

Hebrews 2:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

Analysis

Quoting Psalm 22:22, a messianic psalm of suffering and vindication, the author shows Christ declaring God's name to His 'brethren' (Greek 'adelphois'). This is stunning - the eternal Son calls redeemed humans His brothers. This familial language grounds the Reformed doctrine of adoption: through union with Christ, believers are brought into God's family, sharing Christ's inheritance and relationship with the Father.

Historical Context

Psalm 22 was recognized as messianic due to its graphic depiction of crucifixion details centuries before that form of execution existed. Christ's quotation from this psalm on the cross (v. 1) would have been well known to the readers.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does being called Christ's brother change your understanding of your identity?

2. What does it mean that Christ is not ashamed to call you His brother/sister?

Interlinear Text

λέγων,	Ἄπαγγελῶ	τὸ	ὄνομά	σου	τοῖς	ἀδελφοῖς	μου
Saying	I will declare	G3588	name	thy	G3588	brethren	unto my
G3004	G518		G3686	G4675		G80	G3450
ἐν	μέσῳ	ἐκκλησίας	ὑμνήσω		σε		
in	the midst	of the church	will I sing praise	unto thee			
G1722	G3319	G1577	G5214		G4571		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 22:22 (Resurrection): I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Psalms 40:10 (Parallel theme): I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

Psalms 111:1 (Resurrection): Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

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