

Isaiah 12:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Analysis

The song becomes corporate, calling the community to praise, proclamation, and prayer. Four imperatives: 'praise the Lord,' 'call upon his name,' 'declare...his doings,' 'make mention that his name is exalted.' This moves from worship (praise) to evangelism (declaring His deeds among the people). Salvation experienced individually leads to corporate celebration and public proclamation. The emphasis on God's 'name' recalls His character and reputation—worship centers on who He is, not just what He's done.

Historical Context

Anticipates Israel's return from exile, praising God and testifying to nations. Fulfilled in church's worship and mission—experiencing salvation leads to declaring God's deeds. The pattern continues: worship services (praise), missions work (declaring among peoples), and prayer (calling on His name) flow from experienced salvation. The global spread of Christianity fulfills declaring God's exalted name 'among the people.'

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does personal experience of salvation naturally lead to corporate worship and evangelism?
2. What are God's 'doings' that we should declare among the peoples today?
3. How do we balance praising God (vertical) with declaring His works to others (horizontal)?

Interlinear Text

קְרָא וְלִיהְיוֹן אֶת־יְמִינְךָ וְאֶת־מִרְאֶת־
shall ye say And in that day H1931 Praise the LORD call
H559 H3117 H3034 H3068 H7121

כִּי פִזְכֵר יְמִינְךָ וְעַלְילָת־יְמִינְךָ שְׁמָךְ
that his name declare among the people his doings make mention H3588
H8034 H3045 H5971 H5949 H2142

בְּשָׂמָחָה כִּי שְׁמָךְ בְּשָׂמָחָה
is exalted that his name H8034

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 105:1 (References Lord): O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

1 Chronicles 29:11 (References Lord): Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

Isaiah 25:1 (Resurrection): O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

Psalms 18:46 (References Lord): The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Psalms 57:5 (Parallel theme): Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

Jeremiah 50:2 (Parallel theme): Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

Exodus 33:19 (References Lord): And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

Exodus 15:2 (References Lord): The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

John 17:26 (Parallel theme): And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.