

Isaiah 29:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

Analysis

But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him (בַּרְאֹתוֹן יְלָדֵי מְשֻׁשָּׁה בְּקָרְבָּו, ki vir'oto yeladaw ma'aseh yaday beqirbo)—when he sees his children (yeladim, children), the work of my hands (ma'aseh yaday, work of my hands), in his midst (beqirbo, midst, inner parts). **They shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel** (יְקָדְשָׁו, yaqdishu shemi veiqdishu et-Qedosh Ya'akov ve'et-Elohey Yisrael ya'aritsu)—they will sanctify (qadash, sanctify, hallow) His name and fear (yare, fear, revere).

Jacob's children—described as 'the work of mine hands' like new creation (Ephesians 2:10)—will properly honor God's name. The threefold sanctification (sanctify my name, sanctify the Holy One, fear the God) emphasizes thoroughness. This reverses the hollow lip-service of verse 13. Now, transformed hearts produce genuine worship. Paul develops this in Romans 11:25-27—partial hardening on Israel until the fullness of Gentiles comes in, then 'all Israel shall be saved.' The children who once dishonored God's name will sanctify it.

Historical Context

Throughout Israel's history, they profaned God's name among the nations through sin (Ezekiel 36:20-23). God promised to sanctify His great name by transforming His people. This began at Pentecost, continued through church history, and awaits

consummation when even ethnic Israel will recognize Messiah (Zechariah 12:10). God's name will be hallowed universally (Matthew 6:9).

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to be 'the work of His hands'—a new creation for genuine worship?
2. How do transformed hearts produce authentic sanctification of God's name, not mere lip-service?
3. In what areas do you need heart transformation to truly 'sanctify' God's name in your life?

Interlinear Text

בְּקָרְבָּן	בְּ	רָאָתָן	יְלָדָיו	מַעֲשֵׂה	יְדֵי	בְּ	בְּ
H3588	But when he seeth	his children	the work	of mine hands	in the midst		
	H7200	H3206	H4639	H3027	H7130		
and sanctify	my name	and sanctify	את והקד ישׁוּ	קד וְשָׁמְמָנָה	בְּקָדְשָׁךְ יְהוָה	בְּקָדְשָׁךְ יְהוָה	וְאַתָּה יְעַדְךָ בְּ
H6942	H8034	H6942	H853	H6918	H3290		וְאַתָּה יְעַדְךָ בְּ
the God	of Israel	and shall fear					וְאַתָּה יְעַדְךָ בְּ
H430	H3478	H6206					וְאַתָּה יְעַדְךָ בְּ

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 19:25 (References Israel): Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

Ephesians 2:10 (References God): For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Isaiah 45:11 (Holy): Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

Isaiah 8:13 (Parallel theme): Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

Isaiah 60:21 (Parallel theme): Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Isaiah 5:16 (Holy): But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.