

# Isaiah 43:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

## Analysis

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The purpose of creating this people: 'they shall shew forth my praise.' The Hebrew 'yatsar' (formed) emphasizes deliberate design, and 'sepher' (shew forth) means recount or declare. Israel exists to be God's praise-people, declaring His works. Corporate worship is central to their identity and mission.

## Historical Context

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This restates Israel's purpose from the Exodus (Ex 19:5-6)—they are created to praise God and declare His works to nations. Failure in this calling brings judgment; fulfillment brings blessing.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How is showing forth God's praise central to your life's purpose?
2. What specific praises should you be declaring to those around you?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Peter 2:9** (Resurrection): But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

**Hebrews 13:15** (Resurrection): By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

**Psalms 102:18** (Resurrection): This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

**1 Corinthians 10:31** (Parallel theme): Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

**Isaiah 61:3** (Resurrection): To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

**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.

**Colossians 1:16** (Parallel theme): For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

**Isaiah 50:7** (Parallel theme): For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

**Ephesians 3:21** (Parallel theme): Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

**Psalms 4:3** (Parallel theme): But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

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