

Isaiah 43:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

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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people	This	have I formed	H0	my praise	for myself they shall shew forth
H5971	H2098	H3335		H8416	H5608

Additional Cross-References

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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