

Isaiah 48:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Analysis

The titles 'thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel' combine salvation and sanctification, showing that redemption from sin's penalty includes transformation of character. The description 'which teacheth thee to profit' and 'leadeth thee by the way' depicts God as both instructor and guide. True gospel includes not just forgiveness but discipleship - God redeems to transform.

Historical Context

This teaching role anticipates Jesus as Rabbi who instructs disciples and Spirit who leads into all truth (John 16:13). The 'way that thou shouldest go' echoes Psalm 32:8 and prefigures Jesus as 'the Way' (John 14:6).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How has God's redemption in your life included ongoing teaching and leading?

2. What is the relationship between being saved (redeemed) and being taught to profit in godliness?

Interlinear Text

כֹּה	אֲמַר	יְהוָה	גֹּאֲלְךָ	קֹדֶשׁ	יְשׁוּעָא	אֲנִי
H3541	Thus saith	I am the LORD	thy Redeemer	the Holy One	of Israel	H589
	H559	H3068	H1350	H6918	H3478	
יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֵי	מְלַמֶּדְךָ	לְהוֹעִיל	מְדִרְיֶכָּךְ		
I am the LORD	thy God	which teacheth	thee to profit	which leadeth		
H3068	H430	H3925	H3276	H1869		
בְּדֶרֶךְ	תֵּלֶךְ:					
thee by the way	H1980					
H1870						

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 32:8 (Parallel theme): I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Psalms 25:12 (References Lord): What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

Isaiah 30:20 (References Lord): And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:

Psalms 73:24 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Isaiah 54:13 (References Lord): And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Job 36:22 (References God): Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him?

John 6:45 (References God): It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

Micah 4:2 (References God): And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Psalms 71:17 (References God): O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

Jeremiah 6:16 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.