

Isaiah 48:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.

Analysis

God's forbearance 'for my name's sake' and 'for my praise' reveals that covenant maintenance ultimately serves divine glory, not human merit. The 'refining' of verse 10 ('I have refined thee, but not with silver') means God's discipline purifies but doesn't consume His people. This anticipates 1 Peter 1:7's 'trial of your faith' producing glory at Christ's appearing.

Historical Context

Despite Israel's unfaithfulness, God maintained covenant relationship because His reputation was tied to Israel's fate (Ezekiel 36:22). His 'name's sake' concern shows that divine glory, not human worth, grounds salvation.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does understanding that God saves you 'for His name's sake' free you from performance anxiety?

2. What does it mean that God's refining doesn't destroy you but purifies you for His glory?

Interlinear Text

לִמְעֵן	שְׁמִי	אֶאָרֶרֶר	וְתַהֲלֵת	
H4616	H8034	H748	H8416	
For my name's	sake will I defer	mine anger	and for my praise	
		H639		
will I refrain	לְבִלְתִּי	לְגַם	פְּכִירַתְּךָ	
		H0	H1115	for thee that I cut thee not off
				H3772

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 78:38 (Parallel theme): But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

Isaiah 37:35 (Parallel theme): For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

Isaiah 48:11 (Parallel theme): For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

Psalms 79:9 (Parallel theme): Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

Psalms 143:11 (Parallel theme): Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

Psalms 106:8 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

Jeremiah 14:7 (Parallel theme): O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

Ezekiel 20:14 (Parallel theme): But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

Ezekiel 20:22 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

Ezekiel 20:44 (Parallel theme): And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

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