

Jeremiah 14:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us.

Analysis

Appeal to God's reputation: 'Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us.' Three appeals:

1. 'for thy name's sake'—God's reputation among nations
2. 'throne of thy glory'—God's honor
3. 'thy covenant'—God's promises.

This is theologically sound prayer: not appealing to human merit but to God's character, glory, and covenant faithfulness. The phrase 'break not thy covenant' doesn't deny human covenant-breaking but appeals to God's steadfast commitment. This reflects Reformed understanding that God's covenant is ultimately unbreakable because it depends on His faithfulness, not ours.

Historical Context

Despite human unfaithfulness, God's ultimate covenant purposes endure because they depend on His character. The New Covenant fulfills Old Covenant promises through Christ's perfect obedience.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does appeal to God's name/glory differ from appeal to human merit?
2. What is the relationship between human covenant-breaking and God's covenant faithfulness?
3. How do God's covenant promises remain sure despite human unfaithfulness?

Interlinear Text

תַּנִּזֵּב לְ שָׁמֶן אֶל תִּתְאַזֵּל לְמַעַן תִּשְׁמַח אֶל תַּנִּזֵּב לְ שָׁמֶן אֶל
H408 Do not abhor H4616 us for thy name's sake H408 sake do not disgrace
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אָפָנָה בְּרִיתְבָּן אֶל פָּגַע רַכְבָּן כְּבָדָן זִכְּרָן אֶל כְּבָדָן זִכְּרָן
the throne of thy glory remember H408 break not thy covenant H854
H3678 H3519 H2142 H6565 H1285

Additional Cross-References

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.

Psalms 106:45 (Covenant): And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

Jeremiah 3:17 (Parallel theme): At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

Jeremiah 17:12 (Glory): A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

