

Jeremiah 32:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

Analysis

God declares He will 'rejoice over them to do them good'—a remarkable statement of divine delight in blessing His people. God is not reluctant or grudging in His goodness but takes joy in it. Zephaniah 3:17 says God 'will joy over thee with singing.' This overturns the pagan view of gods as capricious beings who must be appeased. The true God delights to bless His people, and this delight motivates His redemptive work. He saves us not from duty but from love.

The promise 'I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul' uses language usually applied to human commitment. God pledges His entire being to securing His people's restoration and blessing. The word 'assuredly' (be'emet, בְּאֵמֶת) means 'in truth' or 'faithfully'—this is no uncertain promise but an absolute commitment. God will accomplish this with His 'whole heart and whole soul,' just as He commands us to love Him (Deuteronomy 6:5).

This demonstrates that God's love for His people is fervent, not detached. He is not the Aristotelian 'unmoved mover' indifferent to creation. He is the covenant God who enters relationship, who commits Himself completely, who delights in blessing His children. Romans 8:32 says if God 'spared not his own Son' for us, will He not freely give us all things? God's whole-hearted commitment to our good is demonstrated supremely at the cross.

Historical Context

When exiles returned from Babylon and resettled the land, they experienced God's faithful provision. Yet the ultimate 'planting' is spiritual—God planting His people in Christ, rooted and grounded in love (Ephesians 3:17). Believers are 'planted' in the church, the body of Christ, and ultimately will be 'planted' in the new creation, where God dwells with His people eternally (Revelation 21:3).

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does knowing that God rejoices to bless us change our understanding of His character and our relationship with Him?
2. What does it mean that God commits Himself with 'whole heart and soul' to do us good—how should this affect our confidence in His promises?
3. In what ways does God's whole-hearted commitment to our good find ultimate expression in sending Christ to die for us?

Interlinear Text

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| וְשִׂשְׂתִּי י' Yea I will rejoice H7797 | עָלֵיהֶם H5921 | לַהֲטֵב יֵב over them to do them good H2895 | אוֹתָם H853 | וְנִטְעָתִי יָם and I will plant H5193 |
| בָּאָרֶץ them in this land H776 | הַזֹּאת H2063 | בְּאַמֶּת assuredly H571 | בְּכָל H3605 | לִבִּי with my whole heart H3820 |
| וּבְכָל H3605 | נַפְשִׁי: and with my whole soul H5315 | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 24:6 (Good): For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.

Zephaniah 3:17 (Parallel theme): The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Amos 9:15 (Parallel theme): And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

Isaiah 62:5 (Parallel theme): For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

Isaiah 65:19 (Parallel theme): And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

Jeremiah 31:28 (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 18:9 (Parallel theme): And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;

Deuteronomy 30:9 (Good): And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers: