

Jeremiah 33:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

Analysis

It shall be to me a name of joy (וְיִתָּהָה לִי לְשֵׁם שְׁשׁוֹן) — Restored Israel becomes God's reputation (shem, name) of sason (exultant joy). The phrase 'to me' is emphatic: their restoration brings God Himself joy, revealing His delight in redeeming rebels. **A praise and an honour before all the nations** (לִתְהִלָּה וְלִתְפָּאָרָת לְכָל גַּעֲלָה בְּאָרֶץ) — Israel's restoration becomes global testimony to YHWH's grace.

They shall fear and tremble for all the goodness (וְפָחָדוּ וְרָגַזוּ עַל כָּל-הַטּוֹבָה) — The nations' response mixes awe and trembling at God's overwhelming goodness. This paradox (trembling at goodness, not judgment) shows that grace is more fearsome than wrath—it reveals God's incomprehensible love.

Historical Context

Israel's calling from Abraham onward was to be a light to the nations (Genesis 12:3, Isaiah 42:6). Their exile defamed God's name among the nations (Ezekiel 36:20-23), but their restoration would vindicate His character. This missionary vision finds fulfillment in the church, where Jews and Gentiles together display

God's wisdom (Ephesians 3:10) and anticipated the Great Commission's global reach.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does the fact that your restoration brings God joy (not just relief) change your understanding of His heart toward you?
2. In what ways should the church today be 'a name of joy, a praise and an honour' before all nations?
3. Why does God's goodness produce 'fear and trembling' in observers—what's fearsome about grace?

Interlinear Text

וְלֹא תִפְאֶרֶת	רְתָה	לְתַהַלְתִּי	שְׁשֹׁן	לְתַהַלְתִּי	וְלֹא תִפְאֶרֶת
H1961	H0	And it shall be to me a name	H8034	of joy	H8342
		H8034		H8416	H8597
כָּל	אֶת	יִשְׁמַע	וְ	אֲשֶׁר	בָּאָרֶץ
H3605		before all the nations	H1471	of the earth	H776
				H834	H8085
וְ	אֲשֶׁר	עֲשֵׂה	אֲנָכִי	אֲשֶׁר	בְּטוּבָה
all the good	H834	H595	that I do	H853	H6213
H2896				H853	H6342
בְּשָׁלָם	וְ	כָּל	וְעַל	בְּטוּבָה	כָּל
and tremble	H7264	H5921	H3605	all the good	H2896
				H5921	H3605
לְהָ	עֲשֵׂה	אֲנָכִי	אֲשֶׁר		
H834	H595	that I do	H0		
		H6213			

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 60:5 (Parallel theme): Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

Isaiah 62:7 (Resurrection): And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Jeremiah 13:11 (Resurrection): For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

Nehemiah 6:16 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were

much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

Isaiah 62:12 (Parallel theme): And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Psalms 40:3 (Resurrection): And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:4 (Parallel theme): Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

Jeremiah 26:6 (Parallel theme): Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

Hosea 3:5 (Good): Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

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