

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 (וְהָיְתָה לִי לְשֵׁם שִׂשׂוֹן, vehaytah li leshem sason)—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 וּלְתִפְאֶרֶת לְכֹל גּוֹיֵי הָאֶרֶץ, litehillah ultiferet lekhol goyei ha'aretz)—Israel's restoration becomes global testimony to YHWH's grace.

They shall fear and tremble for all the goodness (וּפָחַדוּ וְרָגְזוּ עַל כָּל־הַטּוֹבָה, ufachadu veragezu al kol-hatovah)—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

וְלִתְפָאָה	וְלִתְהִלָּה	שְׂשׂוֹן	לִשְׁמִי	וְיָהּ יְהִי
H8597	H8416	H8342	H8034	H1961
and an honour	a praise	of joy	And it shall be to me a name	
כָּל	אֶת	וְשָׁמְעוּ	אֲשֶׁר	הָאֲרֶץ
H3605	H853	H8085	H834	H776
	which shall hear		of the earth	before all the nations
וּפָחַדוּ	אֹתָם	עַל שְׁמִי	אֲשֶׁר	הַטּוֹבָה
H6342	H853	H6213	H834	H2896
unto them and they shall fear		that I do	all the good	
הַשָּׁלוֹם	וְעַל	כָּל	הַטּוֹבָה	כָּל
H7965	H5921	H3605	H2896	H5921
and for all the prosperity		all the good		and tremble
לֵה: עַל שְׁמִי	אֲנֹכִי	אֲשֶׁר		
H0	H595	H834		
	that I do			

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.