

# Psalms 102:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

## Analysis

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Declaring God's name in Zion and His praise in Jerusalem centers on the covenant location where God chose to dwell. 'Name' (shem) represents God's character and reputation. Public praise in the covenant community is essential worship. This anticipates the church's gathering to proclaim God's glory. The Reformed emphasis on corporate worship recognizes that declaring God's name isn't merely private devotion but communal testimony. Christ promised that where two or three gather in His name, He is present (Matt 18:20).

## Historical Context

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Jerusalem was the center of Israelite worship where God's name dwelt (Deut 12:11). The temple service included public proclamation of God's character and deeds, particularly through the Psalms sung by Levitical choirs.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does your participation in corporate worship declare God's name to the watching world?
2. What specific attributes of God do you need to praise publicly in your community?

## Interlinear Text

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To declare	in Zion	the name	of the LORD	and his praise	in Jerusalem
H5608	H6726	H8034	H3068	H8416	H3389

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 22:22** (Resurrection): I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.