

Psalm 102:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

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

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

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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Additional Cross-References

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

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