

Psalm 105:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

Analysis

To 'glory in his holy name' means to boast in God's character and reputation. Hearts of those seeking the LORD should rejoice. This connects worship (glorying in God's name) with active pursuit (seeking). 'Seeking' (darash) implies diligent inquiry and pursuit, not passive waiting. Rejoicing characterizes genuine seekers—finding God brings joy. Christ promised that seekers would find (Matt 7:7-8). The Reformed doctrine of effectual calling recognizes that all who genuinely seek God do so because He first called them.

Historical Context

God's 'holy name' represents His complete character and reputation. Glorying in His name meant celebrating His uniqueness and covenant faithfulness, particularly His redemptive acts in Israel's history.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does it mean practically to 'glory' in God's name rather than your own achievements?
2. How does your heart's rejoicing (or lack thereof) indicate the genuineness of your seeking God?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Lamentations 3:25 (References Lord): The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

Galatians 6:14 (Glory): But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

1 Corinthians 1:29 (Glory): That no flesh should glory in his presence.

Proverbs 8:17 (Parallel theme): I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

Isaiah 45:25 (Glory): In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Psalms 34:2 (References Lord): My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

1 Corinthians 1:31 (Glory): That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Isaiah 45:19 (References Lord): I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

Psalms 9:10 (References Lord): And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

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