

Psalms 105:45

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws.
Praise ye the LORD.

Analysis

This verse reveals the purpose of redemption: covenant obedience. 'That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws' shows that salvation is not an end in itself but the means to holy living. The Hebrew *shamar* (שָׁמַר, 'keep') means to guard, watch over, or give careful attention to. Israel was redeemed from Egypt not merely for freedom but for service to God. This refutes antinomianism—grace doesn't nullify law but empowers obedience. 'Praise ye the LORD' (Hallelujah, הַלְלֵה לַיהוָה) concludes the psalm with worship, showing that obedience and praise are the proper responses to redemption. The purpose clause ('that they might') teaches that election, redemption, and providence all serve sanctification.

Historical Context

After the exodus and conquest, God gave Israel the Law at Sinai to govern their covenant life. The ethical, ceremonial, and civil laws distinguished Israel from pagan nations, making them a holy people. Their obedience (or disobedience) would demonstrate God's character to the watching world (Deuteronomy 4:5-8). The psalm ends where it began—with praise—showing that recounting God's faithfulness should culminate in worship.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does redemption obligate believers to obedience and holiness?
2. What is the relationship between God's grace in salvation and our responsibility to keep His commands?
3. Why is 'Hallelujah' the appropriate conclusion to recounting God's redemptive acts?

Interlinear Text

בָּעֵב וְרַן	יִשְׁמְרוּ	חֻקֵּי	וְתוֹרֹתַי	יִנְצְרוּ	הַלְלוּ
H5668	H8104	H2706	H8451	H5341	H1984
	That they might observe	his statutes	his laws	and keep	Praise
יְהוָה:					
H3050					
ye the LORD					

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 4:40 (Word): Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

Titus 2:14 (Parallel theme): Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Deuteronomy 4:1 (References Lord): Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

