

Psalms 105:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

Analysis

Remembering (zakar) God's marvelous works, wonders, and judgments demonstrates covenant faithfulness. Memory is active in Hebrew thought—not mere recall but rehearsing and applying. The three terms (marvelous works, wonders, judgments) comprehensively describe God's redemptive acts. Remembering prevents forgetting, which leads to apostasy (Deut 8:11-14). Christ instituted the Lord's Supper as memorial (Luke 22:19), commanding believers to remember His work. The Reformed emphasis on Scripture reading and preaching serves this memorial function.

Historical Context

Israel's festivals, particularly Passover, functioned as formal remembrances of God's deliverance. This verse calls for personal, continual remembrance beyond annual celebrations.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What practices help you regularly remember God's works rather than forgetting His faithfulness?
2. How does remembering God's past faithfulness strengthen your trust in present circumstances?

Interlinear Text

זָכַר וְ	נִפְלְאוֹתַי יְיָ	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה	מִפְתֵּי יְיָ
Remember	his marvellous works	H834	that he hath done	his wonders
H2142	H6381		H6213	H4159
וּמִשְׁפָּטַי	פִּי:			
and the judgments	of his mouth			
H4941	H6310			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 77:11 (Parallel theme): I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

Psalms 119:13 (Judgment): With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

Deuteronomy 32:7 (Parallel theme): Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

Luke 22:19 (Parallel theme): And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Revelation 16:7 (Judgment): And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

Psalms 40:5 (Parallel theme): Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be

reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Deuteronomy 8:2 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

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