

Psalm 105:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

Analysis

Addressing Abraham's seed and Jacob's children identifies Israel as covenant recipients. This grounds their identity in God's elective love, not their merit. Being Abraham's descendants carries covenant responsibilities and privileges. Paul later argues that true descendants are those of faith (Gal 3:7, 29), not merely biological lineage. Christ came as Abraham's seed (Gal 3:16) to fulfill covenant promises. The Reformed understanding of covenant theology recognizes continuity between Old and New Testament people of God.

Historical Context

Israel's identity centered on descent from Abraham through Jacob (Israel). God's covenant promises to Abraham (Gen 12:1-3, 15:1-21) formed the foundation of Israel's existence and hope.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does understanding yourself as part of God's covenant people (through Christ) shape your identity?
2. What responsibilities come with being adopted into Abraham's spiritual family?

Interlinear Text

בְּחִרְיוֹן	יַעֲקֹב	בָּנָיו	עָבָדָה	אֶבְרָהָם	יְהִי	רָע
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H2233	H85	H5650	H1121	H3290	H972	

Additional Cross-References

John 15:16 (Parallel theme): Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

1 Peter 2:9 (Parallel theme): But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

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