

Psalm 105:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all the earth.

Analysis

Confessing 'He is the LORD our God' affirms covenant relationship—He is not merely a god but Israel's God. Yet His judgments are 'in all the earth,' emphasizing universal sovereignty. God is both particularly Israel's God (covenant relationship) and universally earth's God (sovereign Creator). This tension between particular election and universal rule characterizes biblical theology. Christ came to Israel (Matt 15:24) yet brings salvation to all nations (Matt 28:19). The Reformed doctrine of election maintains God's particular grace within His universal sovereignty.

Historical Context

Ancient peoples typically viewed their gods as local or national deities. Israel's confession of Yahweh as both their covenant God and universal sovereign distinguished their theology radically.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do you hold together God's particular love for the church and His universal sovereignty over all creation?
2. What does God's universal sovereignty mean for engaging with non-Christian authorities and institutions?

Interlinear Text

מְשֻׁפְטֵינוּ: בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהִי הָאָלֹהִים
H1931 He is the LORD H3068 H3605 are in all the earth H776 H4941

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 26:9 (Judgment): With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

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