

Psalms 105:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

Analysis

God remembers His covenant 'for ever' and His word to 'a thousand generations.' Divine memory, unlike human forgetting, is eternally faithful. The covenant made with one generation binds God to all subsequent generations. 'Thousand generations' is hyperbolic, emphasizing perpetual faithfulness. This grounds assurance in God's character, not human merit. Christ's blood established a new covenant (Luke 22:20) that will never be broken. The Reformed emphasis on God's covenant faithfulness provides believers' ultimate security.

Historical Context

God's covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob formed the basis of Israel's relationship with God. This verse assures that God's memory and faithfulness surpass human generations infinitely.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God's eternal remembrance of His covenant provide assurance for your salvation?
2. What difference does it make that God's faithfulness doesn't depend on your memory or performance?

Interlinear Text

זָכַר	לְעוֹלָם	בְּרִיתוֹ	דְּבָר	צִוָּה
He hath remembered	for ever	his covenant	the word	which he commanded
H2142	H5769	H1285	H1697	H6680
לְאָלֶף	דּוֹר:			
to a thousand	generations			
H505	H1755			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 111:5 (Covenant): He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

Psalms 106:45 (Covenant): And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

Deuteronomy 7:9 (Covenant): Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Psalms 105:42 (Covenant): For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.

Nehemiah 1:5 (Covenant): And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

1 Chronicles 16:15 (Covenant): Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations;

Daniel 9:4 (Covenant): And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

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