

Psalms 106:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

Analysis

This verse expands the previous prayer's request. 'See the good of thy chosen' means to witness and experience the prosperity of God's elect people. 'Rejoice in the gladness of thy nation' shows desire to participate in corporate joy. 'Glory with thine inheritance' means to boast or exult together with God's special possession. The threefold parallelism ('chosen,' 'nation,' 'inheritance') emphasizes Israel's unique covenant status. The psalmist's joy is found not in personal success but in the flourishing of God's people. This reflects the biblical principle that individual flourishing is inseparable from the church's health.

Historical Context

The terms 'chosen,' 'nation,' and 'inheritance' all emphasize Israel's elect status as God's treasured people (Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 7:6). For exilic or post-exilic Jews, this prayer expressed longing to see covenant restoration and national spiritual renewal. It recognized that personal blessing is bound up with corporate covenant faithfulness.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does your personal spiritual health relate to the church's corporate flourishing?
2. In what ways should believers today find joy in God's work among His people?
3. What does it mean to 'glory with God's inheritance' in the New Covenant context?

Interlinear Text

לִרְאֹתוֹ	בְּטוֹב וּבִרְצוֹן	בְּחֵירוֹתֶיךָ	לִשְׂמֹחַ	בְּשִׂמְחָתוֹ
That I may see	the good	of thy chosen	that I may rejoice	in the gladness
H7200	H2896	H972	H8055	H8057
גּוֹיְךָ	לִי הִתְהַלֵּל	עִם	נַחֲלֹתֶיךָ:	
of thy nation	that I may glory	H5973	with thine inheritance	
H1471	H1984		H5159	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 105:43 (Parallel theme): And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness:

Psalms 105:6 (Parallel theme): O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

Revelation 17:14 (Parallel theme): These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Isaiah 45:25 (Glory): In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Isaiah 12:6 (Parallel theme): Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Isaiah 66:10 (Parallel theme): Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:

Isaiah 35:10 (Parallel theme): And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Psalms 14:7 (Parallel theme): Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Psalms 48:11 (Parallel theme): Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

Psalms 118:15 (Parallel theme): The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.