

Psalms 107:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Analysis

This is the second occurrence of the refrain (see v. 8). Following the prisoners' deliverance, it again calls for thanksgiving. The repetition after each rescue scenario emphasizes that God's wonderful works consistently deserve praise, regardless of which specific distress He delivers from. Whether wandering in wilderness or imprisoned in darkness, God's goodness shown in deliverance merits continuous thanksgiving. The refrain's recurrence also suggests corporate worship—possibly responsive reading where congregation repeats this line after hearing each testimony.

Historical Context

In post-exilic worship, this refrain may have been sung responsively as various groups testified to deliverance. The pattern (testimony → refrain) creates liturgical structure for corporate thanksgiving. This continues in Christian worship where testimony and praise alternate. Revelation depicts this pattern in heaven: redeemed from every nation sing 'Worthy is the Lamb,' declaring salvation (Revelation 5:9-12).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does corporate worship incorporate testimony and thanksgiving for God's deliverance?
2. Why does Scripture repeatedly call for praise in response to God's works?
3. What role should personal testimony of deliverance play in the church's worship?

Interlinear Text

יִדּוּ	לִיהוָה	חֶסֶד וְ	נִפְלְאוֹתָיו
Oh that men would praise	the LORD	for his goodness	and for his wonderful works
H3034	H3068	H2617	H6381
לְבָנֵי	אָדָם:		
to the children	of men		
H1121	H120		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 107:21 (Resurrection): Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalms 107:8 (Resurrection): Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalms 107:31 (Resurrection): Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!