

Psalms 107:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

Analysis

This verse expands the call to thanksgiving with specific actions. 'And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving' calls for formal worship. 'Sacrifices of thanksgiving' (zevach todah, זֶבַח תּוֹדָה) were peace offerings accompanied by testimony (Leviticus 7:12-15). 'And declare his works with rejoicing' uses sappar (סָפַר), meaning to recount, declare, or tell. 'With rejoicing' (rinnah, רִנָּה) means with shouts of joy or singing. Thanksgiving isn't merely private gratitude but public testimony with sacrifice and celebration. In Christ, believers offer spiritual sacrifices of praise (Hebrews 13:15; 1 Peter 2:5)—declaring God's works with joyful testimony.

Historical Context

Thanksgiving offerings were common in Israel's worship, bringing peace offerings with confession of God's deliverance (Psalm 50:14, 23; 116:17). After return from exile, Israel celebrated with sacrifices and thanksgiving (Ezra 3:10-11; Nehemiah 12:27-43). For Christians, the Lord's Supper incorporates thanksgiving (Eucharist = thanksgiving), declaring Christ's saving work with rejoicing until He returns (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What is the relationship between thanksgiving offerings then and spiritual sacrifices of praise now?
2. How should believers 'declare His works with rejoicing' in contemporary worship?
3. Why is public testimony and celebration important, not just private gratitude?

Interlinear Text

וְיִזְבְּחוּ	זִבְחֵי י	תוֹדָה	וְיִסְפְּרוּ	מַעֲשֵׂיו
And let them sacrifice	the sacrifices	of thanksgiving	and declare	his works
H2076	H2077	H8426	H5608	H4639
בְּרִנָּה:				
with rejoicing				
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 50:14 (Parallel theme): Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

Psalms 118:17 (Parallel theme): I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

Psalms 9:11 (Parallel theme): Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

Hebrews 13:15 (Sacrifice): By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Psalms 116:17 (Sacrifice): I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

Psalms 73:28 (Parallel theme): But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

Leviticus 7:12 (Sacrifice): If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried.

Isaiah 12:4 (Parallel theme): And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

1 Peter 2:5 (Sacrifice): Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.