

Psalm 107:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Analysis

This verse expands the call to public praise. 'Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people' calls for corporate worship. 'Exalt' (rum, רום) means to lift up, raise high, or extol. 'Congregation' (qahal, קהָל) is the assembly of God's people—Israel's gathered worship. 'And praise him in the assembly of the elders' adds leadership's role. 'Assembly' (moshav, מֶשְׁבֵּת) means seat or dwelling place. 'Elders' (zaqen, זָקֵן) are aged leaders. Praise belongs in public assembly, not just private devotion. God's wonderful works merit corporate exaltation and testimony before leaders. This establishes public worship as normative for God's people.

Historical Context

Israel's worship was corporate, centered in tabernacle/temple with the congregation assembled. Synagogue worship during and after exile maintained corporate structure. Elders (leaders of community) led worship and witnessed testimonies. For the church, corporate assembly for worship, testimony, and praise continues this pattern (Hebrews 10:25). Christian worship is not individualistic but corporate, with leadership's participation vital.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. Why is corporate worship essential, not optional, for God's people?
2. What role should testimony and exaltation play in gathered worship?
3. How does leadership participation in worship (elders) affect the congregation?

Interlinear Text

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Let them exalt	him also in the congregation	of the people	him in the assembly
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וְעַמּוֹשׁ בְּקֹבֶל	בְּקֹבֶל	בְּ	בְּ
of the elders	and praise		
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 22:25 (Resurrection): My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

Psalms 22:22 (Resurrection): I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Psalms 99:5 (Worship): Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

Isaiah 25:1 (Resurrection): O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

Psalms 46:10 (Parallel theme): Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.