

Psalm 111:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Analysis

Hod v'hadar po'alo, v'tzidkato omedet la'ad (Honor and majesty are His work, and His righteousness endures forever). Hod (honor/splendor) and hadar (majesty/glory) describe God's works' magnificent character. Po'al (work/deed). Tzedakah (righteousness/justice) characterizes God's activity. Amad (stand/endure); la'ad (forever/perpetually). God's works display splendor and manifest righteousness that endures eternally. Unlike human works (tainted by sin, temporary), divine works perfectly reflect His righteous character and last forever.

Historical Context

Israel's history demonstrated God's righteous works: just judgment on Egypt's oppression, faithful provision in wilderness, righteous conquest of wicked Canaanites (Deuteronomy 9:4-5), preservation through exile despite covenant breaking. Each generation saw God's righteousness displayed in history. The ultimate demonstration: Christ's righteousness—His perfect life (active obedience), substitutionary death (passive obedience), vindicating resurrection. God's righteousness revealed in gospel (Romans 1:16-17, 3:21-26).

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do God's works display both majesty (inspiring awe) and righteousness (moral perfection)?
2. What specific works of God demonstrate His enduring righteousness?
3. How should God's eternal righteousness affect temporal priorities and pursuits?

Interlinear Text

הָרֹד וְרָאֵן וְפָעֵל וְצִדְקָתִים עַתְּ דָתְּ לְעֹד:
is honourable and glorious His work and his righteousness endureth for ever
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Additional Cross-References

Ephesians 3:10 (Parallel theme): To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Psalms 119:142 (Righteousness): Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.