Psalms 111:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

> He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

Analysis

Teref natan lirei'av, yizkor le'olam berito (Food He has given to those who fear Him, He remembers His covenant forever). Tereph (food/prey) indicates provision. Natan (give); yare (fear) means reverential awe. Zakar (remember); berith (covenant). God provides for those who fear Him and never forgets covenant obligations. This echoes manna in wilderness, daily bread petitions (Matthew 6:11), and divine providence generally. God's covenant faithfulness guarantees provision for His people.

Historical Context

God's provision for Israel: manna and quail in wilderness (Exodus 16, Numbers 11), water from rock (Exodus 17), multiplication of widow's oil (1 Kings 17), feeding 5000 and 4000 (Matthew 14, 15), Paul's contentment in all circumstances (Philippians 4:11-13). Covenant remembrance assured Israel that despite exile and suffering, God wouldn't abandon them (Leviticus 26:44-45, Jeremiah 31:31-34). Jesus established new covenant in His blood (Luke 22:20), guaranteeing eternal inheritance.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How has God provided "food" (physical and spiritual sustenance) for you as one who fears Him?
2. What does it mean that God "remembers His covenant forever," and how does this provide security?
3. How should covenant confidence affect anxiety about provision?

Interlinear Text

לְעוֹלָ ם	יִזְכֹּ ר	לִירֵאָ יו	נָתַ ן	טֶ רֶף
him he will ever	be mindful	unto them that fear	He hath given	meat
H5769	H2142	H3373	H5414	H2964

בְּרִיתוֹ:
of his covenant
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 105:8 (Covenant): He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

Daniel 9:4 (Covenant): And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;