

Psalm 130:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

Analysis

Personal testimony becomes corporate exhortation: 'Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.' The shift from personal (vv. 1-6) to corporate ('Israel') demonstrates that individual experience should encourage communal faith. The command 'let Israel hope' makes confident expectation a duty for all God's people. The word 'hope' (yachal) reappears from verse 5. The basis for hope is twofold: 'with the LORD there is mercy' and 'with him is plenteous redemption.' 'Mercy' (Hebrew 'chesed') is covenant love, loyal devotion, steadfast kindness - God's reliable character. 'Plenteous redemption' (Hebrew 'harbeh pedut') emphasizes abundant, full, complete deliverance. God doesn't redemption sparingly or partially. 'Redemption' (pedut) means ransom, deliverance, freedom - often involving price paid. This verse assures that God's resources are infinite - His mercy and redemption never run out.

Historical Context

The call for Israel to hope in the LORD reflects corporate identity and mutual encouragement. God's mercy and redemption were demonstrated repeatedly in Israel's history - exodus, return from exile, preservation through threats. The pattern of personal testimony leading to corporate exhortation appears throughout psalms, strengthening communal faith.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 – Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 – Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does personal experience of God's forgiveness (vv. 1-6) lead to encouraging others (v. 7)?
2. What is the relationship between God's 'mercy' and His 'plenteous redemption'?
3. Why is redemption described as 'plenteous' rather than merely adequate?
4. How does covenant love (chesed) provide foundation for confident hope?
5. In what ways should individual believers' testimonies encourage corporate church faith?

Interlinear Text

hope	Let Israel	H413	for with the LORD	H3588	H5973	for with the LORD
H3176	H3478		H3068			H3068

בַּתְּסֵד	וּבְרָבָה	עִמָּךְ	פְּדוּתֶךָ
there is mercy	and with him is plenteous	H5973	redemption

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 40:3 (References Lord): And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Revelation 5:9 (Redemption): And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Psalms 86:15 (Grace): But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Psalms 86:5 (Grace): For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Psalms 131:3 (Hope): Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.

Romans 8:24 (Hope): For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

Isaiah 55:7 (Grace): Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Hebrews 10:35 (Parallel theme): Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

Psalms 131:1 (References Lord): LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

Psalms 130:4 (Parallel theme): But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.