

Psalms 132:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

Analysis

God's sworn covenant is quoted: 'The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.' This verse begins divine response to the prayer (vv. 8-10). The phrase 'hath sworn in truth' emphasizes certainty and irrevocability - God's oath is absolutely reliable. 'In truth' means with faithfulness, reliability. The assurance 'he will not turn from it' promises permanence - God won't change His mind or revoke the covenant. The content 'of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne' promises dynastic succession through David's biological descendants. 'Fruit of thy body' emphasizes David's own offspring, not adopted heirs. This quotes/summarizes 2 Samuel 7:12-16, Nathan's prophecy establishing Davidic covenant. The emphasis on God's unchanging oath provides foundation for confidence.

Historical Context

The Davidic covenant (2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17; Psalm 89) became foundation for Israel's hope. Despite exile and apparent dynastic failure, prophets promised restoration through David's line (Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1-10; Jeremiah 23:5-6; 33:14-26; Ezekiel 34:23-24; 37:24-25). Christians see ultimate fulfillment in Christ, David's son who reigns eternally (Luke 1:32-33; Acts 2:29-36).

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What is the significance of God swearing rather than merely promising?
2. How does 'he will not turn from it' provide assurance despite circumstances?
3. What does 'fruit of thy body' emphasize about the nature of Davidic succession?
4. How does this covenant find ultimate fulfillment in Christ?
5. In what ways does God's unchanging covenant character encourage believers?

Interlinear Text

נִשְׁבַּע	יְהוָה הוּא	לְדָוִד	אֱמֶת	לֹא	יֵשׁ וְבֹ	נִמָּנֶה
hath sworn	The LORD	unto David	in truth	H3808	he will not turn	H4480
H7650	H3068	H1732	H571		H7725	
מִפְּרִי	בְּטֶנֶךָ	אֶשׁ יֵת	לְכִסֵּא	לְךָ:		
from it Of the fruit	of thy body	will I set	upon thy throne	H0		
H6529	H990	H7896	H3678			

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 7:12 (Parallel theme): And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

Psalms 110:4 (References Lord): The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

2 Chronicles 6:16 (References Lord): Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me.

Acts 2:30 (Parallel theme): Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

Hebrews 6:18 (Parallel theme): That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

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