

Psalms 132:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

Analysis

God promises comprehensive blessing: 'I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.' The phrase 'abundantly bless' (Hebrew 'barak abarek' - infinitive absolute) expresses emphatic, generous blessing. 'Her provision' (tsedah) means food supply, sustenance, provisions. God promises agricultural, economic blessing - abundance not scarcity. The parallel 'I will satisfy her poor with bread' demonstrates social dimension - blessing reaches even society's most vulnerable. 'Satisfy' (saba) means to fill to satisfaction, have enough. The mention of 'poor' (ebyon - needy, destitute) shows God's concern for marginal people. When God dwells among His people, material blessing and social justice result. This isn't prosperity gospel but covenantal pattern - God's presence produces flourishing that extends to all, especially vulnerable.

Historical Context

The covenant promised agricultural blessing for obedience (Deuteronomy 28:4-8) and provision for the poor was central to Mosaic law (Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Leviticus 19:9-10). Solomon's era saw unprecedented prosperity (1 Kings 4:20-28; 10:14-27). However, when injustice increased and the poor were neglected, prophets announced judgment (Amos 2:6-7; 5:11-12; Isaiah 1:17, 23).

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does God's dwelling among His people produce material blessing?
2. What is the significance of blessing reaching specifically 'her poor'?
3. How does this verse challenge both prosperity gospel and spiritualization that ignores material needs?
4. What is the relationship between worship (God's dwelling) and justice (provision for poor)?
5. How should churches today demonstrate concern for provision and the poor?

Interlinear Text

צִיּוֹן	אֲבָרָךְ	אֲבָרָךְ	אֶבְיוֹן יְהוָה	אֲשַׁבֵּר יָעַ
her provision	I will abundantly	I will abundantly	her poor	I will satisfy
H6718	H1288	H1288	H34	H7646

לֶחֶם:
with bread
H3899

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 147:14 (Parallel theme): He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

Matthew 5:6 (Blessing): Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Isaiah 33:16 (Parallel theme): He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.

Psalms 107:9 (Parallel theme): For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Jeremiah 31:14 (Parallel theme): And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

Luke 1:53 (Parallel theme): He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

Malachi 2:2 (Blessing): If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

Haggai 1:9 (Parallel theme): Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

Haggai 1:6 (Parallel theme): Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

Psalms 37:19 (Parallel theme): They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.