

Psalm 132:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

Analysis

Spiritual blessing is promised: 'I will also clothe her priests with salvation; and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.' This verse parallels and enhances verse 9's prayer. The phrase 'clothe her priests with salvation' improves on the prayer's 'righteousness' (v. 9) - God will provide not just moral uprightness but salvation itself. 'Salvation' (yeshua) means deliverance, victory, rescue. Priests clothed in salvation minister from experienced grace, not mere dutiful obedience. The parallel 'her saints shall shout aloud for joy' fulfills verse 9's request, adding 'aloud' (ranan ranan - doubled verb) for emphasis - exuberant, unrestrainable joy. When God dwells among His people, priests experience salvation and saints experience joy. This describes vibrant, grace-filled worship community where leaders know salvation experientially and people respond with authentic gladness.

Historical Context

True worship requires both priestly mediation and congregational participation. When priests properly ministered (as under Hezekiah, Josiah, Ezra-Nehemiah), corporate worship flourished and joy characterized God's people. The ultimate fulfillment comes through Christ our High Priest and the joyful worship of the redeemed (Revelation 7:9-10; 19:1-7).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does being 'clothed with salvation' differ from being clothed with righteousness?
2. What is the relationship between priestly ministry and congregational joy?
3. How does experiencing salvation (not just knowing about it) affect ministry?
4. In what ways does authentic worship produce 'shouting aloud for joy'?
5. How does Christ as our High Priest clothe believers with salvation?

Interlinear Text

וְכָבֵד יְהִי שָׁעַל בָּשָׂר וְכָבֵד יְהִי שָׁעַל בָּשָׂר
her priests I will also clothe with salvation and her saints shall shout aloud
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Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 6:41 (Salvation): Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

Psalms 132:9 (Holy): Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

Isaiah 61:10 (Salvation): I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered

me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

John 16:24 (Parallel theme): Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

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