

Psalms 145:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Analysis

To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. The purpose clause (lěhodi'a, לְהוֹדִיעַ "to make known") reveals why believers speak of God's kingdom: to inform bēnei ha'adam (בְּנֵי הָאָדָם) "the sons of men/humanity" about divine realities they wouldn't otherwise know. God's gēvurotav (גְּבוּרָתָיו) "mighty acts" in history testify to His present power.

The glorious majesty of his kingdom (kavod hadar malkhuto, כְּבוֹד הַדָּר מַלְכוּתוֹ) again piles synonyms—kavod "glory," hadar "majesty/splendor"—to express God's kingdom's incomparable magnificence. This evangelistic thrust shows that proclamation serves divine purposes: making God's character and reign known to those who suppress or ignore it (Romans 1:18-20).

Historical Context

Israel's calling was to be a light to the nations (Isaiah 42:6, 49:6), making Yahweh known among peoples worshiping false gods. Their testimony about God's mighty acts in the Exodus, conquest, and temple construction was meant to provoke the nations to fear the true God (Joshua 2:9-11, 1 Kings 10:1-9).

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How can believers effectively 'make known' God's mighty acts to a skeptical, biblically illiterate culture?
2. What is the relationship between recounting God's past mighty acts and demonstrating His present kingdom power?
3. How does the church's proclamation of God's kingdom differ from mere political or social activism?

Interlinear Text

לְהוֹדִיעַ	לְבָנֵי י	הָ אָדָם	גְּבוּרָתִי	וְכָבוֹד	הַיָּדוֹשִׁי
To make known	to the sons	of men	his mighty acts	and the glorious	majesty
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of his kingdom

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 105:1 (Parallel theme): O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Revelation 12:10 (Kingdom): And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Matthew 28:18 (Parallel theme): And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

