

Psalms 145:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

Analysis

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness. The corporate testimony—ve-ezuz nora'oteka (וְעִזּוֹז נֹרָאֹתֶיךָ) "the strength of your awesome deeds"—will be proclaimed by others. Nora (נֹרָא) "terrible/awesome" conveys fear-inspiring power: God's acts command reverence, not casual familiarity. This includes both redemptive works (Red Sea crossing) and judicial acts (drowning Pharaoh's army).

I will declare thy greatness (gědullateka asapěrennah, גְּדֻלַּתְךָ אֶסְפָּרְנָה)—David adds personal commitment to the collective witness. Gědullah (גְּדֻלָּה) "greatness/magnitude" describes God's incomparable supremacy. The interplay between corporate ("men shall speak") and individual ("I will declare") shows that both community testimony and personal witness are necessary to adequately proclaim God's majesty.

Historical Context

Israel's history centered on God's 'terrible acts'—plagues on Egypt, the drowning of Pharaoh's army, victories over Canaan's inhabitants, and judgment on covenant-breakers. These acts inspired both reverence among believers and fear among enemies, demonstrating that God is not to be trifled with.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How can believers maintain appropriate fear of God's terrible power while also enjoying intimate relationship with Him?
2. What role should recounting God's judicial acts play in contemporary worship alongside celebrating His mercy?
3. How does your personal declaration of God's greatness complement the church's corporate testimony?

Interlinear Text

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| וְעַתָּה זֶה | בּוֹרְאֵת יָדְךָ | יֹאמְרוּ | וְגִדְלוֹתֶיךָ |
| of the might | of thy terrible acts | And men shall speak | thy greatness |
| H5807 | H3372 | H559 | H1420 |

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| אֶסְפָּרְנָה: |
| and I will declare |
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Additional Cross-References

Habakkuk 2:14 (Parallel theme): For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Psalms 113:3 (Parallel theme): From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised.

Psalms 66:3 (Parallel theme): Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

Jeremiah 50:28 (Parallel theme): The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.

Psalms 22:27 (Parallel theme): All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

Psalms 22:31 (Parallel theme): They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

Ezra 1:2 (Parallel theme): Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.