

Psalm 145:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

Analysis

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness. The verb yabbiyu (יָבִיעַ) "shall abundantly utter" literally means to gush forth, bubble up, pour out—spontaneous overflow, not restrained speech. God's rav tuvkhā (רָבְתּוּבָה) "abundant goodness" provokes abundant testimony. The word zeker (זְכָר) "memory/memorial" suggests both remembrance and public proclamation of God's goodness.

Shall sing of thy righteousness (tsidqateka yērannenu, צִדְקָתֶךָ יְרַנְנֶנוּ—ranan) means to shout for joy, cry out in triumph. God's tsedeq (צִדְקָה) "righteousness" includes both His just character and His saving acts. The parallelism shows that God's goodness and righteousness are inseparable: His justice flows from His goodness, and His mercy never compromises His righteousness.

Historical Context

The remembrance (zeker) of God's goodness was central to Israelite worship, formalized in festivals like Passover (remembering the Exodus) and Tabernacles (remembering wilderness provision). These celebrations ensured that each generation experienced God's past faithfulness as present reality.

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Study Questions

1. When was the last time you experienced spontaneous, overflowing speech about God's goodness to you?
2. How can remembering God's past goodness sustain faith during present trials?
3. Why is it significant that the psalm pairs God's goodness with His righteousness rather than treating them as opposing attributes?

Interlinear Text

זְכָר	רַב	טוֹבָה	יְבָרַךְ	אַצְלָקָתָךְ
the memory	of thy great	goodness	They shall abundantly utter	of thy righteousness
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and shall sing

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 63:7 (Good): I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

Psalms 51:14 (Righteousness): Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

Psalms 36:10 (Righteousness): O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Psalms 71:19 (Righteousness): Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

Psalms 89:16 (Righteousness): In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

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