

Psalms 18:49

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

Analysis

Therefore David will praise Yahweh among nations and sing to God's name. The Hebrew 'yadah' (praise) suggests public thanksgiving. Praising among 'goyim' (nations/Gentiles) anticipates the gospel going to all peoples. Paul quotes this verse in Romans 15:9 as evidence that God always intended Gentile inclusion. This reveals that even Old Testament deliverance pointed to universal salvation through Christ.

Historical Context

David's international fame provided opportunity to testify to Yahweh's power before foreign rulers and peoples, spreading knowledge of Israel's God.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does your testimony of God's deliverance reach beyond your natural community?
2. In what ways do you participate in God's mission to the nations?

Interlinear Text

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H5921	H3651	Therefore will I give thanks	among the heathen	unto thee O LORD
		H3034	H1471	H3068
וּלְשִׁמְךָ	אֲזַמְרָה:			
unto thy name	and sing praises			
H8034	H2167			

Additional Cross-References

Romans 15:9 (Sin): And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.