

# Psalm 22:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob,  
glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

## Analysis

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The call to 'fear the LORD' transitions from individual testimony to corporate worship. The Hebrew 'yare' (fear) combines reverence, awe, and obedient love. All who belong to covenant ('seed of Jacob/Israel') are summoned to glorify and fear Him. Reformed theology emphasizes that authentic worship springs from proper fear of God—not terror but reverent acknowledgment of His holiness, sovereignty, and worthiness. This verse models how personal deliverance should lead to public praise that calls others to worship.

## Historical Context

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In Israel's worship, testimonies of deliverance prompted corporate response. The delivered person would summon the congregation to join in praise, creating communal celebration of God's faithfulness. This pattern shaped Israel's liturgical life and continues in Christian worship.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does your personal experience of God's deliverance lead you to call others to worship?
2. What does it mean to 'fear' God in a way that produces praise rather than anxiety?

## Interlinear Text

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כִּי	יְהִי	רָא	וְ	כָּל	בָּרְאֵל	וְהִי	וְהִי	כִּי	בְּעֵד	בְּ	יְהִי	רָא	וְ	
<b>Ye that fear</b>	<b>the LORD</b>			<b>praise</b>		H3605		<b>him all ye the seed</b>		<b>of Jacob</b>		<b>glorify</b>		
H3373	H3068			H1984				H2233		H3290		H3513		

  

וְ	רָא	וְ	בְּ	עֵד	וְ	רָא	וְ	בְּ	עֵד	וְ	רָא	וְ	בְּ	עֵד	
<b>him and fear</b>		H4480		H3605		<b>him all ye the seed</b>		<b>of Israel</b>							
H1481				H2233				H3478							

## Additional Cross-References

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**Revelation 15:4** (Worship): Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

**Luke 1:50** (Parallel theme): And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

**Psalms 115:11** (References Lord): Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

**Psalms 50:23** (Resurrection): Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.