

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additional Cross-References

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.