

Psalms 26:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Analysis

The purpose of worship: 'That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.' Thanksgiving and testimony characterize true worship. 'Publish' (shama) means to cause to be heard—worship is public declaration. 'Wondrous works' refers to God's miraculous acts in history and personal experience. Reformed theology emphasizes that worship includes recounting God's deeds, not just singing about His attributes. Testimony edifies the congregation and glorifies God.

Historical Context

Israel's worship constantly rehearsed God's saving acts—Exodus, conquest, deliverances. Corporate memory shaped identity and sustained faith. Personal testimonies of God's faithfulness strengthened community trust in divine provision.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does your worship include 'telling of God's wondrous works'?

2. What testimony of God's faithfulness should you 'publish' to encourage others?

Interlinear Text

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| לְשַׁמֵּעַ | בֶּקֶץ וּלְ | תוֹדָה | וּלְסַפֵּר | כָּל |
| That I may publish | with the voice | of thanksgiving | and tell | H3605 |
| H8085 | H6963 | H8426 | H5608 | |
| נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ: | | | | |
| of all thy wondrous works | | | | |
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 9:1 (Parallel theme): I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

Psalms 145:5 (Parallel theme): I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

Psalms 105:2 (Parallel theme): Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Psalms 118:27 (Parallel theme): God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Psalms 119:27 (Parallel theme): Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

Psalms 95:2 (Parallel theme): Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Psalms 72:18 (Parallel theme): Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

Psalms 118:19 (Parallel theme): Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:

Psalms 134:2 (Parallel theme): Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

Psalms 9:14 (Parallel theme): That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

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