

Psalms 36:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

Analysis

Abundance satisfaction with 'the fatness of thy house' refers to temple worship where sacrificial portions provided celebratory meals. The 'river of thy pleasures' (Hebrew 'eden,' delight) may allude to Eden's rivers, suggesting that worship restores paradise lost. God doesn't merely provide necessity but lavish delight, abundance beyond need. This counters the wicked's self-centered pursuit of pleasure (v. 4) with God-centered satisfaction that truly fulfills, anticipating Jesus's promise of abundant life (John 10:10).

Historical Context

Temple worship included fellowship offerings where worshipers ate portions of sacrifices, celebrating God's provision in His presence. These sacred meals previewed the eschatological banquet (Isaiah 25:6, Revelation 19:9).

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does worship provide deeper satisfaction than worldly pleasures?
2. What does it look like to drink from 'the river of God's pleasures' in daily life?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיוּ רְחוּבִים	מִדַּשְׁשׁוֹן	בֵּיתְךָ	וְהָיוּ
They shall be abundantly satisfied	with the fatness	of thy house	of the river
H7301	H1880	H1004	H5158
עֲדָנֶיךָ יְיָ	תִּשְׁקֶם:		
of thy pleasures	and thou shalt make them drink		
H5730	H8248		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 65:4 (Parallel theme): Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Psalms 16:11 (Parallel theme): Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Isaiah 58:11 (Parallel theme): And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Isaiah 25:6 (Parallel theme): And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

Psalms 63:5 (Parallel theme): My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

Matthew 5:6 (Parallel theme): Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Psalms 46:4 (Parallel theme): There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

Isaiah 48:21 (Parallel theme): And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

Job 20:17 (Parallel theme): He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter.

Isaiah 43:20 (Parallel theme): The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

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