

Psalms 40:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

Analysis

The psalm turns from imprecation to blessing, praying that 'all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad.' The contrast between those who seek God's destruction and those who seek God Himself is stark. The phrase 'such as love thy salvation' defines true worshipers: those who delight not merely in deliverance but in the God who saves.

Historical Context

The dual response to God--enemies confounded, seekers rejoicing--appears throughout biblical literature as the pattern of divine judgment. God's actions simultaneously save and judge, depending on one's relationship to Him.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What distinguishes those who 'love God's salvation' from those who merely want deliverance from trouble?
2. How does seeking God rather than just His gifts transform worship?

Interlinear Text

תְּמִיד	יֹאמְרוּ	מִבְּקֹשֶׁת יָד	כָּל	בָּרַךְ	וְיִשְׂמְחוּ וְ	יִשְׂשׂוּ
continually	say	Let all those that seek			and be glad	thee rejoice
H8548	H559	H1245	H3605	H0	H8055	H7797
תְּשׁוּעָתְךָ:	אֵלֶּה יְיָ	יְהוָה ה	יְגַדֵּל			
thy salvation	in thee let such as love	The LORD	be magnified			
H8668	H157	H3068	H1431			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 35:27 (References Lord): Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

Psalms 68:3 (Parallel theme): But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

Acts 19:17 (References Lord): And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Psalms 119:123 (Salvation): Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

Psalms 119:111 (Parallel theme): Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

Psalms 22:26 (References Lord): The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

Psalms 105:3 (References Lord): Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

Psalms 119:81 (Salvation): My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

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