

Psalm 44:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

Analysis

The confident declaration 'In God we boast all the day long' makes God the constant subject of praise and the sole ground of confidence. 'Praise thy name for ever' commits to eternal acknowledgment of God's character. The term 'boast' (halal) suggests loud, public proclamation--not private gratitude but corporate witness.

Historical Context

This verse forms part of Israel's public worship, likely sung in temple liturgy. The 'Selah' marking indicates a musical pause or interlude, allowing the congregation to reflect on the declaration of trust.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to 'boast in God' rather than in our accomplishments?
2. How does public praise differ from private gratitude in its effect on faith and community?

Interlinear Text

נָאֹךְ הַלְוָלְלָה נָאֹב בְּ אֱלֹהִים
לְעוֹלָם וְשָׁמְבָא | כָּל הַלְלָה נָאֹב בְּ אֱלֹהִים
In God we boast H3605 all the day H3117 thy name H8034 for ever H5769 long and praise H3034

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Selah

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 34:2 (Parallel theme): My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

Jeremiah 9:24 (Parallel theme): But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

Romans 2:17 (References God): Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,

Isaiah 45:25 (Parallel theme): In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Psalms 30:12 (Resurrection): To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.