

Psalms 45:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations:
therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

Analysis

The psalmist promises to 'make thy name to be remembered in all generations.' The result: 'the people shall praise thee for ever and ever.' The king's fame will not fade but endure eternally through praise. This eternal remembrance finds fulfillment only in Christ, whose name is above every name.

Historical Context

Perpetuating the king's name through song and story was a court duty. Royal psalms were preserved and sung, eventually being applied to the hoped-for Messiah who would fulfill all their promises.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the church continue to 'make Christ's name remembered' in all generations?
2. What is the relationship between remembering the king and praising him eternally?

Interlinear Text

אֶזְכָּר יְיָהּ	שׁוּ מִנִּי	בְּכָל	יָד רַ	יָד רַ	עַל
to be remembered	I will make thy name	H3605	generations	generations	H5921
H2142	H8034		H1755	H1755	
כֵּן	עַמִּי יִם	! הוֹדוּ בְּ	לְעֹלָם	וְעַד:	
H3651	therefore shall the people	praise	thee for ever	and ever	
	H5971	H3034	H5769	H5703	

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 62:3 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

Malachi 1:11 (Parallel theme): For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 61:9 (Parallel theme): And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.

Isaiah 59:21 (Parallel theme): As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

Psalms 138:4 (Resurrection): All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

Matthew 26:13 (Parallel theme): Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

Song of Solomon 6:9: My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

1 Corinthians 11:26 (Parallel theme): For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

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