

Psalm 48:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.

Selah.

Analysis

The correlation of hearing and seeing: 'As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts.' Tradition (what was heard from fathers) is confirmed by experience (what is seen). Faith transmitted through testimony becomes faith verified by experience. God establishes His city 'for ever.'

Historical Context

This verse emphasizes intergenerational faith: what parents taught about God's faithfulness, the present generation has now witnessed personally. This confirmation strengthens the ongoing transmission of faith.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What have you 'heard' about God that you have now 'seen' confirmed in experience?
2. How does the correspondence between tradition and experience strengthen faith?

Interlinear Text

רְכָאשָׁר	כִּי	עַתָּה	בָּאָרוֹן	בָּעֵיר	הַיּוֹם	
H834	As we have heard	H3651	so have we seen	in the city	of the LORD	
	H8085		H7200	H5892	H3068	
עַל	עַד	יָכֹנֵן	בָּעֵיר	אֵל	אֵל	
of hosts	in the city	God	God	will establish	it for	ever
H6635	H5892	H430	H430	H3559	H5704	H5769

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Selah

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 87:5 (Parallel theme): And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

Psalms 46:5 (References God): God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

Matthew 16:18 (Parallel theme): And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Micah 4:1 (References Lord): But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

