

Psalms 48:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

Analysis

Corporate worship: 'We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.' The Hebrew *damah* (thought, meditated) suggests prolonged, intentional reflection. Meditation on *chesed* (covenant love) occurs 'in the midst of thy temple'--the gathered worshiping community reflecting on God's faithfulness.

Historical Context

Temple worship included not only sacrifice and song but teaching and meditation. Pilgrims would reflect on God's covenant love as they experienced His presence in the sacred space.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What role does corporate meditation on God's lovingkindness play in worship?
2. How does gathering in God's presence enhance reflection on His character?

Interlinear Text

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| דָּמַ יָנוּ | אֱלֹהֵ יָם | חֶסֶדְךָ גֵּ | בֵּין קִרְבֵּ | הַיְכָלְךָ: |
| We have thought | O God | of thy lovingkindness | in the midst | of thy temple |
| H1819 | H430 | H2617 | H7130 | H1964 |

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 26:3 (Parallel theme): For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.

Psalms 40:10 (Parallel theme): I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

Psalms 104:34 (Parallel theme): My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

Song of Solomon 1:4: Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.