

Psalms 63:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

Analysis

The vow 'Thus will I bless thee while I live' commits to lifelong praise. Lifting up hands 'in thy name' indicates both surrender and supplication. This worship posture—blessing God throughout life—demonstrates that gratitude is not circumstantial but covenantal. The permanence of praise ('while I live') reveals that worship defines the believer's existence.

Historical Context

Lifting hands was standard Jewish prayer posture (Exodus 9:29, 1 Timothy 2:8), signifying both appeal and openness to receive. David's commitment to this posture 'while I live' shows worship as life's defining orientation.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does lifelong commitment to blessing God require practically?
2. How does physical posture in worship reflect and shape spiritual disposition?

Interlinear Text

יְיָ	אֲבָרֶכְךָ	בְּחַיִּי	בְּשִׁמְךָ	אֶשָּׂא	כַּפָּי:
H3651	Thus will I bless	thee while I live	in thy name	I will lift up	my hands
	H1288	H2416	H8034	H5375	H3709

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 104:33 (Parallel theme): I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

Psalms 134:2 (Blessing): Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

Psalms 28:2 (Parallel theme): Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

Habakkuk 3:10 (Parallel theme): The mountains saw thee, and they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high.