

Psalm 66:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah.

Analysis

The invitation to all nations to sing praise to God reveals the universal scope of His glory. This echoes the Abrahamic covenant's promise that all nations would be blessed through Israel (Genesis 12:3). The call to 'sing forth the honour of his name' emphasizes that worship must be fitting to God's character—not casual or flippant, but dignified and reverent, bringing glory to His name alone.

Historical Context

Written during a period when Israel experienced God's deliverance, this psalm reflects the covenant community's responsibility to be a light to the nations, testifying to Yahweh's supremacy over all false gods.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does your worship reflect the honor and glory due to God's name?
2. In what ways are you called to testify to God's glory among those who don't yet know Him?

3. What specific attributes of God's character should shape the content and manner of your praise?

Interlinear Text

כָּל	רְאֵזָה	בָּא	יְשִׁתְּמָן	לְבָנָה	יְמִימָר	לְבָנָה
H3605	All the earth	shall worship	H7812	H0	thee and shall sing	H2167
H776						H0
יְמִימָר	וְשָׁמְנָה	סָלָה:				
thee and shall sing	to thy name	Selah				
H2167	H8034	H5542				

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 22:27 (Worship): All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

Psalms 117:1 (Worship): O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

Revelation 15:4 (Worship): Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Malachi 1:11 (Sin): 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.

Daniel 7:14 (Parallel theme): And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.