

Psalms 67:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Analysis

The repetition of this refrain (identical to verse 3) serves as liturgical emphasis, inviting congregational response. In Hebrew poetry, repetition intensifies meaning rather than merely restating it. This pattern creates a rhythm of prayer (blessing, vv. 1-2), theology (God's character, v. 4), and doxology (praise, vv. 3, 5). The structure teaches that right doctrine leads to right worship—understanding God's attributes prompts praise.

Historical Context

Temple worship utilized repeated refrains for congregational participation, ensuring even illiterate worshipers could join the liturgy. This democratized worship, making it accessible to all God's people regardless of education or social status.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does repetition in Scripture and worship help internalize theological truth?
2. What role does corporate, structured liturgy play in your personal spiritual formation?
3. How can you ensure your worship reflects theological depth rather than mere emotional expression?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה
praise	Let the people	thee O God	praise	Let the people	H3605
H3034	H5971	H430	H3034	H5971	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 67:3 (Resurrection): Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.