

# Psalms 68:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

## Analysis

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God's 'congregation' (assembly of Israel) dwelt in the land He provided. 'Thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor' emphasizes divine initiative—God's provision flows from His character, not human merit. The word 'poor' (ani) often means afflicted or humble, referring to Israel's status in Egypt and the wilderness. God's goodness to the poor reveals His gracious election—He chose Israel not for their greatness but to demonstrate His love (Deuteronomy 7:7-8).

## Historical Context

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Israel began as enslaved foreigners with no homeland, repeatedly described as insignificant among nations. God's choice and provision highlighted that salvation rests on grace alone, foreshadowing justification by faith in the New Covenant.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding that you're spiritually 'poor' affect your appreciation of God's grace?

2. What has God 'prepared of his goodness' for you that you did nothing to deserve or earn?
3. In what ways does God's preferential option for the poor challenge worldly values of status and achievement?

## Interlinear Text

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עֲדָתְךָ	יָשְׁבוּ	בְּה	תָּכִין	בְּטוֹבֶתְךָ	לְעַנִּי י
<b>Thy congregation</b>	<b>hath dwelt</b>	<b>H0</b>	<b>hast prepared</b>	<b>of thy goodness</b>	<b>for the poor</b>
H2416	H3427		H3559	H2896	H6041

  

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<b>therein thou O God</b>
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 74:19** (Parallel theme): O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.