

Psalm 68:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

Analysis

The call to 'Bless ye God in the congregations' emphasizes corporate worship's importance. The specific mention 'from the fountain of Israel' roots this in covenant identity—worship flows from being God's chosen people. Fountain imagery suggests life-giving source; Israel's identity and worship spring from God's elective grace. New Testament believers worship 'from the fountain' of Christ's life-giving Spirit (John 7:38-39).

Historical Context

Israel's identity as God's people began with Abraham's call and Exodus deliverance. Every generation was to remember they were chosen by grace, not merit, making gratitude the foundation of worship.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does your identity 'in Christ' (spiritual Israel) shape the content and motivation of your worship?

2. What is the relationship between individual devotion and corporate congregational worship?
3. How can you cultivate gratitude for your spiritual heritage and covenant relationship with God?

Interlinear Text

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in the congregations Bless ye God even the Lord from the fountain
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 48:1 (References God): Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.

Deuteronomy 33:28 (References Israel): Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

Psalms 26:12 (Blessing): My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

Psalms 111:1 (References Lord): Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the conqreqation.