

Psalms 72:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

Analysis

The king's name enduring forever and continuing 'as long as the sun' promises eternal fame and legacy. All nations shall be blessed in him, echoing the Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 12:3)—identifying the Messiah as Abraham's ultimate Seed through whom blessing flows globally. All nations call him blessed, recognizing him as source of their prosperity. Only Christ fulfills this: eternally praised, blessing all peoples through the gospel.

Historical Context

This verse explicitly connects the Davidic king with the Abrahamic promise, showing God's redemptive plan's unity from Abraham through David to Christ. The blessing promised to Abraham finds fulfillment in the Messiah.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does Christ fulfill God's promise to bless all nations through Abraham's seed?
2. What does it mean that Christ's 'name shall endure for ever'—how is His fame perpetual?
3. In what ways have you been blessed through Christ, and how can you extend that blessing to others?

Interlinear Text

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H1961 His name shall endure for ever as long as the sun shall be continued
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יִשְׁמַח וְיִתֵּב רָכוּ בְּכָל בֹּרָאֵי
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His name and men shall be blessed in him all nations

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shall call him blessed
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 7:14 (Parallel theme): Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:23 (Parallel theme): Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Genesis 12:3 (Blessing): And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Psalms 89:36 (Parallel theme): His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

Luke 1:48 (Blessing): For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Genesis 22:18 (Blessing): And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

1 Peter 1:3 (Blessing): Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Philippians 2:10 (Parallel theme): That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Colossians 1:3 (Parallel theme): We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

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