

Psalm 72:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure,
throughout all generations.

Analysis

The people fearing God 'as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations' describes perpetual worship across all time. This astronomical imagery emphasizes permanence—worship continuing until creation itself ends. 'All generations' ensures continuity of faith from parents to children endlessly. This vision finds fulfillment in the eternal worship of Revelation 22:3-5, where God's servants serve Him forever. True worship transcends individual lifespans, becoming eternal reality.

Historical Context

Israel's covenant included multi-generational promises—God's faithfulness to Abraham's descendants forever (Genesis 17:7). Each generation's responsibility was transmitting faith to the next, ensuring perpetual worship.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How are you contributing to worship's continuity 'throughout all generations'?
2. What practices help transmit genuine faith from your generation to the next?
3. How does the vision of eternal worship shape your current priorities and values?

Interlinear Text

דָּרִים:	וְיִירְאֶת	עַמּ	שֶׁמֶשׁ	וְלֹא	זֶה
They shall fear	thee as long as	the sun	endure	and moon	generations
H3372	H5973	H8121	H6440	H3394	H1755
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 72:17 (Parallel theme): 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.

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.