

Psalm 86:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

Analysis

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. This prophetic vision of universal worship transitions from God's present incomparability (verse 8) to His future recognition by all peoples. The phrase **all nations whom thou hast made** emphasizes God's sovereignty as Creator over all peoples, not just Israel—His creative act establishes His claim to universal worship.

The verbs **shall come** and **shall worship** express confident futurity—David foresees inevitable recognition of Yahweh's supremacy by all peoples. Hishtachavah (הִשְׁתַּחַוָּה, worship) means to bow down or prostrate, indicating complete submission. This universal worship fulfills God's original promise to Abraham that "all nations on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:3).

The ultimate fulfillment appears in Revelation's vision: "All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed" (Revelation 15:4). Christ's Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) initiates this ingathering, as the gospel goes to all peoples. David's prayer anticipates the missionary expansion of the church and the eschatological consummation when every knee bows to Christ (Philippians 2:10-11).

Historical Context

This verse reflects developing Old Testament eschatology anticipating Gentile inclusion in worship of Israel's God. Isaiah, Micah, and Zechariah elaborate this vision of nations streaming to Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2-4, 56:6-7; Micah 4:1-3; Zechariah 8:20-23). Jesus's ministry to Gentiles and the early church's mission to the nations began fulfilling this prophecy, with ultimate completion awaiting Christ's return when every nation acknowledges God's glory.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the vision of all nations worshiping God motivate your involvement in evangelism and missions?
2. What does God's patience in awaiting universal recognition teach about His character and redemptive plan?
3. How can you participate now in the worship that will one day include every people group on earth?

Interlinear Text

כָּל	כָּל	אֲשֶׁר	גָּוֹדִים	עַשְׂתָּה	וְאַתָּה	וְאַתָּה	וְאַתָּה
H3605	All nations	H834	whom thou hast made	H6213	shall come	H935	and worship
H1471				H8034		H7812	

לִפְנֵי	לִפְנֵי	אַדְנָה	וְאַכְבָּד	וְאַכְבָּד	לְשִׁמְךָ
before	thee O Lord	and shall glorify	thy name		
H6440	H136	H3513	H8034		

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 15:4 (Creation): Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Isaiah 66:23 (Worship): And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Psalms 66:4 (Worship): All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah.

Psalms 102:15 (References Lord): So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

Revelation 11:15 (References Lord): And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Isaiah 43:7 (Creation): Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Isaiah 59:19 (References Lord): So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

Isaiah 11:9 (References Lord): They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Psalms 72:19 (Parallel theme): And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

Psalms 102:18 (Creation): This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.