

Psalm 92:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

Analysis

This Sabbath psalm opens with the Hebrew 'tov' (good/pleasant), emphasizing that thanksgiving and praise are not merely obligations but spiritually beneficial acts. The connection between thanksgiving to Yahweh and musical praise establishes worship as both vertical (God-directed) and holistic (engaging mind and voice). Reformed theology sees grateful praise as the proper response to God's grace, flowing from recognition of His sovereignty.

Historical Context

Titled as 'A Psalm for the Sabbath day' this was likely sung in temple worship during Sabbath services. The Sabbath rest provided opportunity for extended meditation on God's works and character.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does beginning your day with thanksgiving to God change your perspective on daily circumstances?

2. In what ways can you make praise a 'good thing' rather than a mere duty in your spiritual life?

Interlinear Text

טוֹב	וְתַהֲדֵךְ	לְתִהְפֵּךְ	רְאֵמָרְךָ	לְשִׁמְךָ
It is a good	thing to give thanks	unto the LORD	and to sing praises	unto thy name
H2896	H3034	H3068	H2167	H8034
עַלְיוֹן:				
O most High				
H5945				

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 147:1 (Resurrection): Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

Psalms 107:1 (Good): O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalms 135:3 (Resurrection): Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

Ephesians 5:19 (Sin): Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Psalms 73:28 (Good): But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

Psalms 33:1 (Resurrection): Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Isaiah 57:15 (Parallel theme): For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Psalms 107:8 (Resurrection): Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalms 92:8 (References Lord): But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore.

Psalms 52:9 (Resurrection): I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints.

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