

Psalm 92:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

Analysis

The causative 'for' (ki) links praise to God's mighty works and creative activity. The Hebrew 'samach' (made glad) indicates deep, abiding joy—not superficial happiness. This gladness is rooted in observing God's sovereign work in creation and providence. The theology of joy flowing from contemplating God's works establishes that Christian happiness is intellectually grounded, not emotionally manufactured.

Historical Context

Israel's worship consistently celebrated God's acts in creation and history (Exodus, conquest, preservation). The psalmist stands in this tradition of rehearsing divine deeds.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. Which specific works of God in your life or in creation most fill you with joy and wonder?

2. How does regularly 'remembering' God's past faithfulness strengthen your present faith?

Interlinear Text

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אָבֶטֶן יְהִי יְהֹוָה
of thy hands I will triumph
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 8:6 (Creation): Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

2 Corinthians 2:14 (Parallel theme): Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

Luke 1:47 (Parallel theme): And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Psalms 126:3 (References Lord): The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

Revelation 18:20 (Parallel theme): Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

John 16:22 (Parallel theme): And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

Psalms 90:16 (Parallel theme): Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

Jeremiah 31:7 (References Lord): For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

Psalms 143:5 (Parallel theme): I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

Psalms 64:10 (References Lord): The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

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