

Psalm 93:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house,
O LORD, for ever.

Analysis

God's testimonies being 'very sure' (ne'emanu—faithful, reliable, established) connects His word to His character. 'Holiness becometh thine house' (na'avah—is fitting, beautiful) indicates that God's dwelling must reflect His character. The phrase 'for ever' (le'orek yamim—literally 'length of days') emphasizes permanence. This verse establishes the ethical implications of God's reign: His trustworthy word demands obedience, and His holy nature requires that His people pursue holiness. Theology leads to ethics.

Historical Context

The temple in Jerusalem was to be marked by holiness, distinguishing Israel's worship from pagan practices. This holiness wasn't merely ritual but ethical, reflecting God's character.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does the complete reliability of God's testimonies shape your approach to Scripture?
2. In what ways should your life as God's 'house' (temple of the Holy Spirit) reflect His holiness?

Interlinear Text

תְּהִלָּה	לְבִתְּכֶם	נָאָה	קָדָשׁ	הָלֵל
Thy testimonies	sure	are very	thine house	becometh
H5713	H539	H3966	H1004	H4998
for ever				holiness
H753	H3117			H6944
ימִים:	לֹא כְּרָ			O LORD
				H3068

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 119:129 (Parallel theme): Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

Psalms 119:111 (Parallel theme): Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

Psalms 29:2 (Holy): Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Psalms 119:138 (Parallel theme): Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

Leviticus 19:2 (Holy): Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.

Hebrews 12:14 (Holy): Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Isaiah 8:20 (Parallel theme): To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Psalms 99:5 (Holy): Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

Psalms 99:9 (Holy): Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.

Psalms 119:144 (Parallel theme): The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

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