

Psalm 97:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

Analysis

Zion (representing God's people) hearing and rejoicing (samach) connects God's judgments with corporate worship. 'Judah' rejoicing 'because of thy judgments' (mishpatim) demonstrates that God's justice delights His people—we should celebrate when evil is defeated and righteousness vindicated. This communal joy in God's justice creates solidarity among believers and contrasts with worldly sorrow over sin's consequences. The daughter cities of Judah represent the entire covenant community sharing in worship.

Historical Context

Zion/Jerusalem was the worship center where God's people gathered to celebrate His mighty acts, creating communal memory and shared identity.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How can you rejoice in God's judgments against evil while also showing compassion to those experiencing consequences of sin?
2. What role does corporate worship play in your ability to maintain proper perspective on God's justice?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה	ה	בָּנִים	וּבָנָתִים	בְּנֵי	זִוְּנָה	זִוְּנָה	בָּנִים	וּבָנָתִים	בְּנֵי	יְהוָה
heard	and was glad	Zion	rejoiced	and the daughters	of Judah					
H8085	H8055	H6726	H1523	H1323	H3063					
לֹמַע	בְּנֵי	מִשְׁפָּט	בְּנֵי	יְהוָה						
H4616	because of thy judgments	H4941	O LORD	H3068						

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 48:11 (Judgment): Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

Zechariah 9:9 (Parallel theme): Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.