

# Psalms 98:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

## Analysis

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**He hath remembered his mercy and his truth** (זָכַר חַסְדּוֹ וְאֱמוּנָתוֹ, zakhar chasdo ve'emunato)—God's covenant faithfulness is celebrated through two pillars: chesed (steadfast loyal love) and emunah (faithfulness, reliability). The verb zakhar (remembered) means more than mental recall—it signifies covenant action, God moving to fulfill His promises.

**Toward the house of Israel**—God's particular covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 12:1-3) promised blessing to all nations through Israel. **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God** (רָאוּ כָּל־אַפְסֵי־אֶרֶץ, ra'u kol-afsei-aretz)—the particular becomes universal. What began with Israel's election culminates in global witness. Luke quotes this in 2:30-32, seeing Christ as this salvation.

This verse encapsulates redemptive history: God's faithful love to His chosen people becoming the means by which the whole earth witnesses salvation. The gospel moves from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

## Historical Context

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Written when Israel's witness role was both privilege and burden, this psalm anticipates the Messianic age when salvation would extend beyond ethnic

boundaries. Early Christians saw Simeon's declaration (Luke 2:30-32) as direct fulfillment.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's particular covenant with Israel demonstrate His faithfulness to all His promises?
2. What does it mean that 'all the ends of the earth have seen' God's salvation—and has your corner of earth truly seen it?
3. How does God's chesed (loyal love) and emunah (faithfulness) strengthen your confidence in His promises?

## Interlinear Text

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יָדָר	חֶסֶד וְ	אֱמוּנָתוֹ	לִבֵּי יֵת	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל		
He hath remembered	his mercy	and his truth	toward the house	of Israel		
H2142	H2617	H530	H1004	H3478		
וְרָאוּ	כָּל	אֶפְסֵי	אֶרֶץ	תַּיִת	יְשׁוּעַת	אֱלֹהֵינוּ:
have seen		all the ends	of the earth		the salvation	of our God
H7200	H3605	H657	H776	H853	H3444	H430

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 22:27** (Parallel theme): All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

**Isaiah 52:10** (Salvation): The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

**Deuteronomy 4:31** (Grace): (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.

**Luke 1:72** (Grace): To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

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