

Identity

Psalm 105

Psalm 105 praises God for our shared identity as His people because there is always potential for incredible confusion over who we are, what we need, and how we should live.

Psalm 105:6-10

O children of Abraham, God's servant, you descendants of Jacob, God's chosen ones!
He is the Lord our God; he carries out judgment throughout the earth.
He always remembers his covenantal decree,
the promise he made to a thousand generations –
the promise he made to Abraham,
the promise he made by oath to Isaac!
He gave it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as a lasting promise,

Psalm 105:12-15

When they were few in number,
just a very few and resident aliens within it,
they wandered from nation to nation,
and from one kingdom to another.
He let no one oppress them;
he disciplined kings for their sake,
saying, "Don't touch my chosen ones!
Don't harm my prophets!"

Psalm 105:39-42

He spread out a cloud for a cover,
and provided a fire to light up the night.
They asked for food, and he sent quails;
he satisfied them with food from the sky.
He opened up a rock and water flowed out;
a river ran through dry regions.
Yes, he remembered the sacred promise
he made to Abraham his servant.

Psalm 105:43-45

When he led his people out, they rejoiced; his chosen ones shouted with joy.
He handed the territory of nations over to them, and they took possession of what other peoples had produced,
so that they might keep his commands and obey his laws.
Praise the Lord!