

# Deuteronomy 13:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

## Analysis

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The purpose: 'And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.' Public execution serves deterrent function—'all Israel shall hear' disseminates warning; 'fear' (yare, יָרֵא, reverence/dread) creates healthy dread of covenant violation; 'shall do no more any such wickedness' prevents repetition. Capital punishment isn't merely retributive but preventative—protecting community from spiritual corruption. The phrase 'such wickedness' (ra'ah, רָעָה, evil) classifies apostasy as moral evil, not merely religious error. Public judgment maintains covenant holiness and deters imitators. Fear of consequences reinforces right behavior.

## Historical Context

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This principle appears throughout Old Testament: Achan's punishment deterred covenant violation (Joshua 7:25-26); Ananias and Sapphira's deaths created holy fear (Acts 5:11); Paul instructs Timothy to rebuke sinning elders publicly 'that others also may fear' (1 Timothy 5:20). While New Testament church lacks civil authority for capital punishment, public church discipline still functions to warn others (1 Corinthians 5:6-7; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15). Sin's contagious nature requires decisive action to prevent spread.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does public confrontation of sin serve both justice and deterrence in church communities?
2. What is the balance between grace toward repentant sinners and firmness toward unrepentant false teachers?
3. How can healthy fear of sin's consequences coexist with confidence in God's grace?

## Interlinear Text

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כִּי	רְ	לְעֹשֶׂת	וְתִּשְׁמַע	וְיִירָא	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל	וְיִכְלֶל
H3605	<b>And</b> all Israel	<b>shall hear</b>	<b>and fear</b>	H3808	<b>no more</b>	<b>and shall do</b>
H3478		H8085	H3372	H3254		H6213
						H1697
בְּגַרְבָּהּ	הַזֶּה	בְּכָל	עֲשֵׂה			
such wickedness	H2088		as this is among			
H7451			H7130			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 19:20** (Evil): And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.

**Deuteronomy 17:13** (Parallel theme): And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.