

Deuteronomy 28:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Analysis

Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. The basket represents the container used for gathering and carrying produce, while store refers to permanent storage facilities (granaries, storehouses). Blessing encompasses both the current harvest being gathered and the accumulated reserves from past harvests.

This promises both present provision (basket) and future security (store). God's blessing provides not only enough for today but surplus for tomorrow. This enables both contentment in present provision and confidence about future needs.

The imagery suggests that covenant faithfulness results in agricultural success - abundant harvests fill baskets during gathering and overflow storehouses for future use. This prosperity enables generosity toward the poor and hospitality toward neighbors.

Jesus teaches His disciples not to worry about food and clothing because the Father knows their needs (Matthew 6:25-34). Seeking God's kingdom first results in provision of necessities.

Historical Context

Baskets were used during harvest to gather grain, fruit, and produce. Storehouses preserved dried grain, wine, oil, and other provisions through the year until next harvest.

Full baskets and stores meant economic security and the ability to survive bad years by drawing on accumulated surplus from good years.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What does blessing on both basket and store teach about present and future provision?
2. How does this enable both contentment now and confidence about tomorrow?
3. Why is surplus important beyond mere subsistence?
4. How does agricultural blessing enable generosity and hospitality?
5. What does Jesus' teaching about not worrying teach about trusting divine provision?

Interlinear Text

בָּרוּךְ יְהֹוָה
בְּרֵךְ יְהֹוָה
תְּנַאֲכֵל
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