

# Ezekiel 18:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

'Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.' The wicked son's fate: certain death. The emphatic Hebrew mot yumat ('die, he shall die') mirrors the righteous person's chayah chayah ('live, he shall live'). 'His blood shall be upon him'—he bears responsibility for his own judgment. His father's righteousness cannot save him.

## Historical Context

This principle is demonstrated throughout Scripture: Korah's rebellion (Numbers 16), Achan's sin (Joshua 7), Gehazi's greed (2 Kings 5). Each person's sin brings their own judgment. In the New Covenant, only Christ's righteousness can save, which we receive through faith alone.

## Related Passages

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage inform our understanding of judgment and personal accountability?
2. What is the relationship between generational patterns and individual responsibility?

## Interlinear Text

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upon usury	Hath given forth	increase	and hath taken	shall he then live
H5392	H5414	H8636	H3947	H3808
he shall not live	H853	H3605	all these abominations	he hath done
H2421			H8441	H6213
die	die	his blood	וְתַּרְבֵּית יְמִתְתַּיְמֵת	וְתַּרְבֵּית יְמִתְתַּיְמֵת
H4191	H4191	H1818	H0	H1961

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 22:25** (Parallel theme): If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

**Ezekiel 18:8** (Parallel theme): He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man,

**Ezekiel 3:18** (Blood): When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

**Leviticus 20:9** (Blood): For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.

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