

Ezekiel 18:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Analysis

'Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.' Genuine repentance involves consideration (ra'ah—seeing, understanding) and turning (shuv—repenting). It's not merely emotion but thoughtful recognition of sin and deliberate change. 'Turneth away from all his transgressions'—comprehensive repentance, not selective reform. The verdict: certain life. God's grace extends to all who truly repent.

Historical Context

This principle underlies all biblical calls to repentance from the prophets through John the Baptist to Jesus and the apostles. Repentance requires both recognition of sin and turning to God. True repentance produces changed life (fruit worthy of repentance—Matthew 3:8, Luke 3:8).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to 'consider' our transgressions in a way that leads to genuine repentance?
2. How do we discern between emotional remorse and true repentance that brings life?

Interlinear Text

וְרָאָה הַ	וַיִּשׁוּב	מִכָּל	פְּשָׁעָיו	אֲשֶׁר
Because he considereth	and turneth away	H3605	from all his transgressions	H834
H7200	H7725		H6588	
עָשָׂה הַ	יְהִי הַ	יְהִי הַ	לֹא	יָמוּת:
that he hath committed	he shall surely	he shall surely	H3808	he shall not die
H6213	H2421	H2421		H4191

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 32:29 (Parallel theme): O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!