

Hosea 7:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.

Analysis

And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.' Israel doesn't 'consider' (lo-yamru le-levavam) - literally 'they don't say to their hearts.' They fail to internalize that God remembers all sin. 'Their doings have beset them' means their sins surround them - inescapable. 'Before my face' emphasizes God's omniscient witness. This describes self-deception - assuming God doesn't notice or care. Psalm 90:8 declares: 'You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.' Only Christ's atonement addresses sins God fully knows and remembers.

Historical Context

Israel's presumption that secret sins escaped divine notice proved false - judgment demonstrated God's complete awareness. Every hidden conspiracy, secret alliance, covert idol worship faced accountability. Modern parallel: assuming privacy or passage of time erases guilt. Yet Ecclesiastes 12:14 warns: 'God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing.' Only confession and Christ's cleansing blood addresses sins God remembers. His forgiveness means He 'remembers their sins no more' (Hebrews 8:12) - gracious divine amnesia contrasting with judicial memory.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What sins do I assume God doesn't notice or care about, failing to 'consider that He remembers'?
2. How does God's omniscient memory of sin drive me to Christ's atoning sacrifice and promise of divine forgiveness?

Interlinear Text

וְכֹל לֹא בְּבָבָם וְאָמְרוּ כִּל בְּעֵת מִכְעָד
H1077 And they consider not in their hearts H3605 all their wickedness
H559 H3824 H7451

בְּנֵי אָדָם מִעְלָלָיו וְכֹל רְתִיעָה
that I remember H6258 have beset them about now their own doings H5048
H2142 H5437 H4611

פָּנָים בְּפָנֵי
they are before my face H1961
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 90:8 (Parallel theme): Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

Luke 12:2 (Parallel theme): For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

Jeremiah 2:19 (Evil): Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and

bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

Jeremiah 14:10 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

Amos 8:7 (Parallel theme): The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

Hebrews 4:13 (Parallel theme): Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Isaiah 5:12 (Parallel theme): And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.

Psalms 9:16 (Evil): The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

Psalms 25:7 (Parallel theme): Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

Jeremiah 16:17 (Parallel theme): For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.