

Isaiah 29:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

Analysis

They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding (וַיַּעֲשֵׂה תְּעִירֹת בִּנְהָה, veyade'u to'ey-ruach binah)—those who טעה (ta'ah, erred, wandered, strayed) in רוח (ruach, spirit) will ידע (yada, know) בינה (binah, understanding, discernment). **And they that murmured shall learn doctrine** (וַיָּגֹנְם לִמְדֹרְקָח, verogenim yilmedu-leqach)—the רגָן (ragan, murmurers, complainers) will למד (lamad, learn) נֶגֶד (leqach, doctrine, instruction, teaching).

Isaiah concludes chapter 29 with comprehensive restoration: spiritual wanderers gain understanding, complainers become students of truth. This reverses the judicial blinding of verses 9-12. Those drunk in spiritual stupor, unable to read sealed scrolls, hostile to God's word—all transformed by grace into understanding disciples. The verb 'know' (יִדָּע, yada) indicates intimate, experiential knowledge, not mere intellectual assent. The murmurers who grumbled against God's providence (like Israel in wilderness) will learn His doctrine willingly.

Historical Context

This transformation characterizes new covenant reality. At Pentecost, Spirit-filled believers spoke mysteries of God (Acts 2). Former persecutors (Paul) became teachers of doctrine. Those erring in idolatry (Gentile converts) gained understanding. The Ethiopian eunuch, unable to understand Isaiah without help (Acts 8:30-31), represents pre-transformation confusion; Philip's explanation brought enlightenment—a microcosm of this prophecy's fulfillment.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the Holy Spirit transform spiritual wandering into understanding and murmuring into learning?
2. What areas of 'erring in spirit' in your life need divine illumination to gain true understanding?
3. How can you move from being a 'murmurer' to becoming a student of God's doctrine?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּדַּע	תְּعִי	רִן	בֵּין	וַיַּרְגַּנְתִּי
shall come	They also that erred	in spirit	to understanding	and they that murmured
H3045	H8582	H7307	H998	H7279

לִמְדָה	לְקַחַן
shall learn	doctrine
H3925	H3948

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 5:2 (Parallel theme): Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.

Isaiah 28:7 (Parallel theme): But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through

strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

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