

Isaiah 3:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

Analysis

Amid judgment, Isaiah offers hope to the individual righteous. 'Say ye to the righteous, it shall be well with him' promises divine protection and blessing even during national judgment. The principle that the righteous will 'eat the fruit of their doings' establishes individual accountability—corporate judgment doesn't nullify personal faith's benefits. This anticipates Ezekiel's teaching on individual responsibility (Ezekiel 18).

Historical Context

Righteous individuals like Daniel, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel were preserved through Babylonian exile. God's faithfulness to His own continues even when covenant curses fall on the nation.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does personal righteousness through faith in Christ protect you spiritually even amid societal judgment?

2. What 'fruit of your doings' are you sowing that will endure beyond this life?

Interlinear Text

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Say	ye to the righteous	H3588	that it shall be well	H3588	the fruit
H559	H6662		H2896		H6529
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of their doings	with him for they shall eat	H4611		H398	

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 6:10 (Righteousness): For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Ecclesiastes 8:12 (Parallel theme): Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

Malachi 3:18 (Righteousness): Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Zephaniah 2:3 (Righteousness): Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.

Jeremiah 15:11 (Parallel theme): The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

Ezekiel 9:4 (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

