

Isaiah 33:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

Analysis

And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times (אֶמְנוּת עַתִּים, vehayah emunat ittekha chosen yeshu'ot chakhmat vada'at)—אמונה (emunah, faithfulness, stability) of your times is a מָן (chosen, treasure, store) of יְשׁוּעָה (yeshu'ot, salvation), חָכָתָה (chokhmah, wisdom) and דעת (da'at, knowledge). **The fear of the LORD is his treasure** (יראת ה' היא אֹזֶר, yir'at YHWH hi otsaro)—the יְרָאָה (yir'ah, fear, reverence) of Yahweh is His אֹזֶר (otsar, treasure, storehouse).

True security comes not from Egyptian alliances or military strength but from wisdom, knowledge, and fear of God. The phrase 'stability of thy times' (אמונת עתים, emunat ittekha) can mean faithfulness that provides stability. The treasure (חן, chosen, אֹזֶר, otsar) isn't gold but fear of the LORD. Proverbs 9:10: 'The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.' Job 28:28: 'the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom.' Contrast with those trusting horses and chariots (Isaiah 31:1)—true wealth is theological, not material.

Historical Context

Ancient kings measured wealth in gold, silver, armaments. Solomon's wisdom was legendary, yet even he failed when he abandoned fear of the LORD for political marriages and idolatry (1 Kings 11). Hezekiah initially trusted fortifications and water systems (2 Chronicles 32:2-5), but ultimate deliverance came through prayer and trust (Isaiah 37:14-20). Jesus taught: 'lay up for yourselves treasures in

heaven' (Matthew 6:20). Paul called Christ 'the wisdom of God' (1 Corinthians 1:24).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How is 'fear of the LORD' a treasure that provides stability, especially during unstable times?
2. What 'treasures' besides God's wisdom and knowledge do you rely on for security?
3. How can you invest in the treasure of wisdom, knowledge, and fear of God rather than earthly wealth?

Interlinear Text

חָכְמָה תִּשְׁוֹעַת יְמִינְךָ אָמֵן תִּשְׁעַת יְמִינְךָ עַתְּ יְמִינְךָ חָזִקָּה שְׁוֹעַת יְמִינְךָ וְחָכְמָה תִּשְׁוֹעַת יְמִינְךָ

H1961 shall be the stability of thy times and strength of salvation And wisdom

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and knowledge the fear of the LORD is his treasure

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Additional Cross-References

1 Timothy 4:8 (Parallel theme): For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Proverbs 19:23 (References Lord): The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

Matthew 6:33 (Parallel theme): But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

1 Timothy 6:6 (Parallel theme): But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Psalms 28:8 (References Lord): The LORD is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

Proverbs 14:27 (References Lord): The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Ecclesiastes 7:19 (Parallel theme): Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city.

Isaiah 51:6 (Salvation): Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

Psalms 45:4 (Parallel theme): And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

Psalms 140:7 (Salvation): O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.