

Isaiah 43:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Analysis

Despite Israel's offense, God says 'I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake.' The emphatic 'I, even I' stresses God as sole actor in forgiveness. The Hebrew 'machah' (blot out) indicates complete removal. The motivation—"for mine own sake"—shows grace flowing from God's character, not human merit.

Historical Context

This pivotal verse reveals pure grace: despite just indictment of Israel's sins (verses 22-24), God promises complete forgiveness based solely on His nature. His name and glory require redemption despite their unworthiness.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does understanding forgiveness as 'for His own sake' free you from works-righteousness?
2. What transgressions do you need God to blot out completely from His record?

Interlinear Text

ה וָא אֶנְכִּי אֶנְכִּי	מִנְחָה	פָשָׁע יְבָשָׁה
H595	H1931	I even I am he that blotteth out thy transgressions
לֹא וְמִנְטָאת יְבָשָׁה לְמַעַן	אֶזְכֶּר:	
thy sins	for mine own sake and will not remember	
H4616	H3808	H2142

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 8:12 (Sin): For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Hebrews 10:17 (Sin): And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Jeremiah 31:34 (Sin): And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Isaiah 1:18 (Sin): Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isaiah 44:22 (Sin): I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

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

Isaiah 38:17 (Sin): Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

Acts 3:19 (Sin): Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Romans 5:20 (Sin): Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

Mark 2:7 (Sin): Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

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