

Isaiah 47:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.

Analysis

The accusation 'thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee' shows that human learning divorced from God becomes spiritual poison. Babylon's claim 'I am, and none else beside me' appears again, showing how intellectual pride leads to practical atheism. This warns against all humanistic education that excludes God - knowledge without fear of the Lord is folly (Proverbs 1:7).

Historical Context

Babylon pioneered mathematics, astronomy, medicine, and literature - genuine achievements that bred arrogance. The same learning that developed early civilization became the means of mocking God's people and trusting in human achievement.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How can legitimate learning and achievement become spiritually perverting when divorced from God?
2. In what areas has increased knowledge made you more self-reliant rather than God-dependent?

Interlinear Text

רָאָנִי	אֵין	וְתִתְאִמְרָנִי	בְּרִכְתְּךָ	וְתִתְבְּרִכְתָּךְ
For thou hast trusted	in thy wickedness	thee and thou hast said	H369	None seeth
H982	H7451	H559	H7200	
me Thy wisdom	and thy knowledge	H1931	it hath perverted	thee and thou hast said
H2451	H1847	H7725	H559	
בְּלִבְךָ	אֵין	וְעִזְוִיתְךָ	שׁוּבְבָבְךָ	וְתִתְאִמְרָנִי
in thine heart	H589	I am and none else	H657	H3820
		H5750		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 5:21 (Parallel theme): Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

Isaiah 29:15 (Parallel theme): Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

Romans 1:22 (Parallel theme): Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Psalms 52:7 (Faith): Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

Ezekiel 8:12 (Parallel theme): Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

Isaiah 59:4 (Faith): None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

Jeremiah 23:24 (Parallel theme): Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

1 Corinthians 3:19 (Parallel theme): For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

Ezekiel 9:9 (Parallel theme): Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not.

Isaiah 44:20 (Parallel theme): He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?