

Isaiah 59:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.

Analysis

The imagery intensifies: 'We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.' Sin produces spiritual blindness (even with physical eyes), confusion (stumbling at noonday), and death-like existence.

Historical Context

This fulfills the judgment threatened in Deuteronomy 28:29 for covenant unfaithfulness: 'And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness.' Curses for disobedience have come upon them.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does sin produce spiritual blindness even when physical sight is clear?
2. What does 'stumbling at noonday' look like in your experience?

Interlinear Text

נָגַשׁ שָׁה	כְּעִוְרִים	קַיִר	וְכֵאֵין	עֵינֵינוּ	נָגַשׁ שָׁה
We grope	like the blind	for the wall	H369	as if we had no eyes	We grope
H1659	H5787	H7023		H5869	H1659
כָּשָׁנוּ לָנוּ	בְּצָהָר יוֹם	כִּנְּשָׁה	בְּאַשְׁמֹנִי יוֹם	כְּמֵתִים:	
we stumble	at noonday	as in the night	we are in desolate	places as dead	
H3782	H6672	H5399	H820	H4191	

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 28:29 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

Job 5:14 (Parallel theme): They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night.

Lamentations 3:6 (Parallel theme): He hath set me in dark places, as they that be dead of old.