

Isaiah 59:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

Analysis

The confession specifies: 'In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.' Rebellion against God and oppression of others combine. The heart is the source: 'from the heart' come lies.

Historical Context

This connects personal sin against God with social injustice against neighbors. The two tables of the law - duty to God and duty to neighbor - are violated together.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How are sins against God and sins against others interconnected?
2. What lies does your heart conceive that need confession?

Interlinear Text

פָּשַׁעַ	וְכַחַשׁ	בְּיָהוָה	וְנָס וּג	מֵאַחַר
In transgressing	and lying	against the LORD	and departing away	from
H6586	H3584	H3068	H5253	H310
אֱלֹהֵינוּ	דֹּבֵר	עַל נַשְׁקָה	וְסִבָּה	וְהָרָא
our God	speaking	oppression	and revolt	conceiving
H430	H1696	H6233	H5627	H2029
				וְהִגִּיד
				H1897
מִלִּב	דְּבָרֵי	שִׁקְרָה		
from the heart	words	of falsehood		
H3820	H1697	H8267		

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 3:12 (References God): Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.
