

Isaiah 59:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

Analysis

'The way of peace they know not' - peace (shalom) is unknown territory for those rushing to violence. 'There is no judgment in their goings' - justice is absent from their paths. Their 'crooked paths' mean 'whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.' Sin's path leads away from shalom.

Historical Context

This echoes Romans 3:17 exactly. The absence of peace follows the presence of violence as surely as effect follows cause. The crooked paths contrast with the 'straight' way God prepares.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does violence preclude peace in personal relationships and society?
2. What crooked paths need straightening in your journey toward peace?

Interlinear Text

לֹא שָׁלֹום: זֶה רְגֵל
The way of peace H3808

H1870 H7965 H3045

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מְשֻׁפֵּט
not and there is no judgment H4941

בְּמַעֲגָלוֹת מֵ
in their goings H4570

paths H5410

עָקָשׂ וְ
they have made them crooked H6140

כִּלְלָבָד
H1992 H3605

whosoever goeth H1869

לֹא בְּהָנְצָלָה
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שָׁלֹום:
therein shall not know of peace H3045 H7965

Additional Cross-References

Romans 3:17 (Peace): And the way of peace have they not known:

Luke 1:79 (Peace): To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Isaiah 5:7 (Judgment): For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

Jeremiah 5:1 (Judgment): Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.

Matthew 23:23 (Judgment): Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

