

Isaiah 59:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

Analysis

The people now confess: 'Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.' The hoped-for deliverance remains distant because of the sins described. This corporate confession acknowledges cause and effect.

Historical Context

This transition from description of sin to confession of its consequences marks prophetic progress. Recognition of sin's effects is the first step toward repentance.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do you experience the distance that sin creates from God's justice and light?
2. What is the relationship between waiting for light and walking in darkness?

Interlinear Text

עַל H5921	יָרָח H3651	רָחֹק far H7368	מִשְׁפָּט Therefore is judgment H4941	וְלֹא H4480	מִמֶּנּוּ H3808	וְתִשָּׁג overtake H5381
צִדִּיק הַ from us neither doth justice H6666			נִקְוָה הַ us we wait H6960	לְאוֹר for light H216	וְהִנֵּה H2009	חֹשֶׁךְ but behold obscurity H2822
לְנֹגַהּ for brightness H5054	וְתִהְיֶה in darkness H653	וְנִלְכֹךְ but we walk H1980				

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 5:30 (Light): And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

Job 30:26 (Light): When I looked for good, then evil came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness.