

Isaiah 65:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,

Analysis

'Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom.' God has 'written' (recorded) their sins - judgment is certain. He will 'not keep silence' (answer chapter 64's complaint about divine inactivity). 'Recompense into their bosom' indicates personal, direct judgment - they will receive what they deserve.

Historical Context

The record of sins awaiting recompense answers the prayer of chapter 64. God hasn't been inactive but patient; now judgment comes.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What does it mean that sins are 'written before' God?
2. How does promised judgment answer complaints about divine silence?

Interlinear Text

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| הִנֵּה | כְּתוּבָה | לִפְנֵי | לֹא | אֶחָשָׁה | כִּי | אִם |
| H2009 | Behold it is written | before | H3808 | me I will not keep silence | H3588 | H518 |
| | H3789 | H6440 | | H2814 | | |
| וְשִׁלַּמְתִּי | וְשִׁלַּמְתִּי | עַל | חִיקָם: | | | |
| but will recompense | but will recompense | H5921 | into their bosom | | | |
| H7999 | H7999 | | H2436 | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 50:3 (Parallel theme): Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

Jeremiah 16:18 (Parallel theme): And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

Psalms 79:12 (Parallel theme): And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

Isaiah 64:12 (Parallel theme): Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

Isaiah 42:14 (Parallel theme): I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.

Psalms 50:21 (Parallel theme): These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.