

# Job 18:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

## Analysis

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Memory of the wicked perishes: 'His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.' Loss of reputation and memory represented ultimate curse in ancient world—being forgotten meant complete obliteration. No legacy, no honor, no continuation. While the finally impenitent do lose such memory, Bildad wrongly assumes Job faces this fate. God ensures Job's name endures through Scripture itself—ultimate irony given Bildad's prediction.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern cultures valued memory and reputation highly. Names recorded in city gates, family genealogies, and oral tradition preserved individuals. To have no name in the street meant total social death—worse than physical death for ancient mindset.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does desire for lasting legacy potentially idolatrous versus healthy stewardship?
2. What does it mean that Job's name endures through Scripture despite Bildad's prediction?
3. How does eternal life in Christ transform our concern about earthly legacy?

## Interlinear Text

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His remembrance	shall perish	H4480	from the earth	H3808
H2143	H6		H776	
וְשֵׁם	יָ לֵל	פְּנֵי	חֹץ:	
and he shall have no name	H0	H5921	in the street	H2351
H8034			H6440	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 34:16** (Parallel theme): The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

**Proverbs 10:7** (Parallel theme): The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

**Psalms 109:13** (Parallel theme): Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

**Proverbs 2:22** (Parallel theme): But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.