

Job 31:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold,
Thou art my confidence;

Analysis

Job denies trusting in wealth: 'If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence.' This oath distances Job from idolatry of wealth. Material blessing didn't become spiritual substitute for God.

Historical Context

Ancient wisdom warned against trusting wealth (Proverbs 11:28). Job's oath affirms he avoided this temptation despite great prosperity.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How do you guard against making wealth your functional god?
2. What's the difference between enjoying God's gifts and idolizing them?

Interlinear Text

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מִבְטָחִי:

Thou art my confidence
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 52:7 (Creation): Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

Proverbs 11:28 (Parallel theme): He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

Psalms 62:10 (Parallel theme): Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

Psalms 49:17 (Parallel theme): For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

Proverbs 10:15 (Parallel theme): The rich man's wealth is his strong city: the destruction of the poor is their poverty.

Proverbs 30:9 (Parallel theme): Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

1 Timothy 6:10 (Parallel theme): For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:17 (Parallel theme): Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

