

Proverbs 1:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Analysis

Security rests not in circumstances but in covenant relationship with God. The one who heeds wisdom 'shall dwell safely' (Hebrew 'betach'), the same word used for trusting God. This security encompasses both temporal protection and eternal salvation, both gifts of sovereign grace, not earned rewards.

Historical Context

In ancient Israel's volatile political environment, security was precious and uncertain. Solomon promises a peace that transcends external threats, grounded in obedience to divine wisdom.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What fears would diminish if you truly believed God's promises of security?
2. How does walking in wisdom produce genuine peace in your daily life?

Interlinear Text

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But whoso hearkeneth	H0	unto me shall dwell	safely	and shall be quiet
H8085		H7931	H983	H7599

מִפֶּחַד	רָעָה:
from fear	of evil
H6343	H7451

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 26:3 (Parallel theme): Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Luke 21:9 (Parallel theme): But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.

Proverbs 14:26 (Parallel theme): In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

Proverbs 9:11 (Parallel theme): For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

Psalms 81:13 (Parallel theme): Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!

Luke 21:19 (Parallel theme): In your patience possess ye your souls.

Isaiah 55:3 (Parallel theme): Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Matthew 17:5 (Parallel theme): While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

1 Peter 1:5 (Parallel theme): Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Isaiah 48:18 (Parallel theme): O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

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