

Proverbs 10:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Analysis

The LORD's blessing alone produces true wealth, unaccompanied by the sorrow that attends ill-gotten or idolized riches. This verse grounds prosperity theology in proper perspective—God may grant material blessing, but it comes as gracious gift, not earned wage. Riches with sorrow include wealth gained through sin or that becomes a snare.

Historical Context

Solomon witnessed both blessed prosperity (when Israel walked with God) and cursed abundance (when riches led to idolatry). His father David similarly experienced God's provision without the anxiety of self-dependent striving.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. Do your possessions bring joy or anxiety, blessing or burden?
2. How can you receive material blessings with gratitude while avoiding idolatry?

Interlinear Text

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The blessing of the LORD H1931 it maketh rich H6238 and he addeth H3254 no sorrow H6089

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 107:38 (Blessing): He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Genesis 26:12 (Blessing): Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

Genesis 24:35 (Blessing): And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.

Genesis 12:2 (Sin): And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Psalms 37:22 (Blessing): For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

Proverbs 20:21 (Blessing): An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

Genesis 13:2 (Parallel theme): And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

Proverbs 28:22 (Parallel theme): He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

Zechariah 5:4 (References Lord): I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

Genesis 14:23 (Parallel theme): That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

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