

Proverbs 10:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

Analysis

The fear of the wicked shall come upon him, but the desire of the righteous shall be granted. What the wicked fear (divine judgment) will indeed come; what the righteous desire (blessing) will be granted. This verse presents poetic justice - the wicked's fears and righteous's hopes both realized. The principle: your expectations reflect your spiritual state and will be fulfilled accordingly. Fear betrays guilt; holy desire anticipates gracious provision.

Historical Context

Reflects biblical theology of divine justice - the wicked rightly fear judgment that will surely come, while the righteous confidently hope for blessing that will be granted.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What do your fears and desires reveal about your spiritual condition?
2. How does the gospel transform both what you fear and what you desire?

Interlinear Text

מְגֹרֵת	כִּשְׁעֵי	הָיָא	תְּבוֹאָה	עָלָיו
The fear	of the wicked	H1931	it shall come	upon him but the desire
H4034	H7563		H935	H8378
צַדִּיקִים	יִתֵּן:			
of the righteous	shall be granted			
H6662	H5414			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 145:19 (Parallel theme): He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Matthew 5:6 (Righteousness): Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Isaiah 66:4 (Evil): I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

Job 15:21 (Parallel theme): A dreadful sound is in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

Hebrews 10:27 (Parallel theme): But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

Psalms 21:2 (Parallel theme): Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.

Job 3:25 (Parallel theme): For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

John 14:18 (Parallel theme): I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

John 16:24 (Parallel theme): Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Psalms 37:4 (Parallel theme): Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

