

Proverbs 10:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

Analysis

The righteous leave a legacy of blessing—their memory brings joy and honor. The wicked's name rots, forgotten or remembered with shame. This reflects biblical concern for generational impact and the enduring fruit of godly character. Reputation matters not for pride but as testimony to God's transforming grace.

Historical Context

In oral cultures, memory preservation was crucial. A blessed memory meant one's influence continued benefiting subsequent generations, while a rotting name warned others of the folly to avoid.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What kind of legacy are you building through your current choices and character?
2. How can you invest in blessings that will outlive you?

Interlinear Text

רָשָׁע יְמִינֵךְ וְאֶת־נַּאֲמָנָה יְרַקְבֶּנָה:
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 112:6 (Righteousness): Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

Luke 1:48 (Blessing): For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

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

Mark 14:9 (Parallel theme): Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

2 Chronicles 24:16 (Parallel theme): And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.