

Proverbs 11:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

Analysis

He that diligently seeks good procures favor, but he that seeks mischief, it shall come unto him. Pursuing good brings favor; pursuing evil brings evil upon oneself. This principle presents moral universe as responsive - what you seek, you find; what you pursue, pursues you. The verse promises both reward for righteousness and retribution for wickedness built into reality's moral structure.

Historical Context

Reflects covenant theology where obedience brought blessing, rebellion brought curse. The principle extended beyond Israel to all humanity - God's moral governance ensures justice.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What are you currently 'diligently seeking' - good or mischief?
2. How have you experienced receiving what you pursued, whether good or evil?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 17:11 (Parallel theme): An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

Psalms 57:6 (Parallel theme): They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah.

Esther 7:10 (Parallel theme): So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.