

Proverbs 11:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them, but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness. Righteousness provides deliverance from dangers that trap the wicked. The wicked are captured by their own evil (havvah - wickedness, calamity) - sin becomes snare entrapping the sinner. This demonstrates sin's self-destructive nature and righteousness's protective power. What righteousness delivers from, wickedness ensnares in.

Historical Context

Reflects the pattern seen throughout Scripture where the wicked's schemes entrap them (think Haman in Esther) while the righteous are delivered from such traps.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How has righteousness delivered you from traps that have caught others?
2. What 'naughtiness' of your own is currently ensnaring you?

Interlinear Text

צִדְקַת	שְׁרִים	תַּצִּילֵם	וּ בְהֵוֹת
The righteousness	of the upright	shall deliver	in their own naughtiness
H6666	H3477	H5337	H1942
בְּגֵד יָם	לִקְדוֹ:		
them but transgressors	shall be taken		
H898	H3920		

Additional Cross-References

Ecclesiastes 10:8 (Parallel theme): He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

Proverbs 5:22 (Parallel theme): His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

1 Kings 2:44 (Parallel theme): The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head;