

Proverbs 11:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

Analysis

The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked comes in his stead. A great exchange occurs - the righteous escape trouble that then falls on the wicked. This isn't vindictive but demonstrates divine justice - trouble intended for the righteous finds its proper object in the wicked. The principle appears throughout Scripture (think Joseph and his brothers, Daniel and his accusers).

Historical Context

Reflects biblical pattern where plots against the righteous backfire on the plotters. Ancient Israel repeatedly saw enemies' schemes redirected against themselves.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How have you experienced deliverance from trouble that then fell on those who wished you harm?
2. How does this principle inform your response to those plotting against you?

Interlinear Text

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The righteous	of trouble	is delivered out	cometh	and the wicked	H8478
H6662	H6869	H2502	H935	H7563	

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 21:18 (Righteousness): The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.