

Proverbs 19:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

Analysis

The foolishness of man perverts his way, and his heart frets against the LORD. Human folly distorts one's path, yet instead of acknowledging fault, the fool blames God. The verb 'perverts' (saleph - overturns, ruins) indicates self-destruction through foolishness. Rather than repenting, the foolish heart 'frets' (za'aph - rages, is vexed) against YHWH. This exposes sin's irrationality - humans ruin themselves then blame God, epitomizing the folly Proverbs condemns.

Historical Context

Reflects the pattern seen from Eden onward - humans blame God for consequences of their own folly. Israel repeatedly followed this pattern, suffering for covenant violation yet complaining against God.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What self-inflicted problems are you currently blaming God for rather than taking responsibility?

2. How does your 'fretting against the LORD' reveal unrepentant foolishness in your heart?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 37:7 (References Lord): Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

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