

Proverbs 2:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

Analysis

God's provision for the righteous: 'He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.' God actively stores ('layeth up') wisdom for His people like treasure reserved for heirs. 'Sound wisdom' (Hebrew: *tushiyah*, abiding success, practical wisdom) represents effective knowledge for life. The buckler (shield) imagery shows God's protective function—He guards those walking uprightly. This demonstrates covenant faithfulness: God equips and protects His people. Justification (declared righteous) leads to sanctification (walking uprightly) with divine provision.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern kings provided for loyal subjects, storing treasures for distribution to faithful servants. God functions as divine King, provisioning His covenant people. The buckler was a small round shield used in close combat, representing personal divine protection. Proverbs consistently contrasts the righteous (covenant-keepers) with the wicked (covenant-breakers), showing different destinies based on relationship with God.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's laying up wisdom demonstrate His active provision for His people's needs before they arise?
2. What does the buckler imagery teach us about God's personal, protective care for those walking in obedience?

Interlinear Text

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| He layeth up | for the righteous | sound wisdom | he is a buckler | to them that walk |
| H6845 | H3477 | H8454 | H4043 | H1980 |
| תָּמִים : | | | | |
| uprightly | | | | |
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 84:11 (Parallel theme): For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Proverbs 30:5 (Parallel theme): Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

1 Corinthians 1:19 (Parallel theme): For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

Proverbs 14:8 (Parallel theme): The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.

1 Corinthians 1:30 (Righteousness): But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Colossians 2:3 (Parallel theme): In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Psalms 144:2 (Parallel theme): My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

Proverbs 28:18 (Parallel theme): Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

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