

Proverbs 22:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

Analysis

The 'righteous man' here likely refers to God, who 'wisely considereth the house of the wicked'—observing with perfect knowledge and judgment. He then 'overthroweth' the wicked in their dwellings, bringing comprehensive judgment. Nothing escapes divine notice; no wickedness avoids accountability. This assures believers that God sees all injustice and will certainly judge. His timing may seem slow, but His justice is certain. The wicked's apparent prosperity is temporary; their 'house' (household, legacy, entire life) will be overturned. This should produce patience in the oppressed and fear in the wicked. God's omniscience and justice mean both comfort for the righteous and terror for the unrepentant.

Historical Context

Biblical history repeatedly shows God overthrowing wicked houses—Pharaoh's household, Eli's priestly line, Ahab's dynasty. God's justice is certain though sometimes delayed.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. Do you trust God's perfect knowledge and timing to judge wickedness, or do you grow impatient?
2. How should knowing God observes your household affect your private behavior?

Interlinear Text

דְּבָרִים יְהוָה עֵינָיו אֲזַרְוָה עַתָּה וְיָדֶל יְהוָה וְיָמְלֹךְ יְהוָה בְּבָדָד:
The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge and he overthroweth the words
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of the transgressor
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Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 16:9 (References Lord): For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

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