

Proverbs 3:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Analysis

This verse promises agricultural abundance to those who honor God with their wealth (v. 9). The Hebrew 'male' (filled) suggests overflowing abundance, not merely sufficiency. God's economic principle is generosity producing multiplication - not scarcity mentality but faith that giving to God increases rather than depletes. This anticipates Malachi 3:10's promise and Luke 6:38's principle that generous measure returns to generous givers.

Historical Context

Ancient Israel's agrarian economy made grain and wine harvest success matters of survival. Tithing and firstfruits offering demonstrated trust that God, not human effort alone, provides. This required faith - would giving away first and best leave enough? God promises that honoring Him never results in lack.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does your giving reflect trust in God's provision versus fear of scarcity?
2. What would it look like to honor God with the 'firstfruits' of your income before allocating to other expenses?
3. How might generous giving actually increase your overall prosperity in ways beyond merely financial?

Interlinear Text

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| וּמִלֵּא וְ | אֶסְתִּי יֵרָ | שָׂבַע | תֵּיר וְשֵׁ | קֶבֶר יֵרָ |
| be filled | So shall thy barns | with plenty | with new wine | and thy presses |
| H4390 | H618 | H7647 | H8492 | H3342 |

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| יִפְרֹצוּ: |
| shall burst out |
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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 19:17 (Parallel theme): He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Deuteronomy 28:8 (Parallel theme): The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Proverbs 22:9 (Parallel theme): He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

Joel 2:24 (Parallel theme): And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

Matthew 10:42 (Parallel theme): And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Haggai 2:19 (Parallel theme): Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.

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