

Proverbs 3:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

Analysis

The LORD as confidence prevents entrapment. The Hebrew 'kesel' (confidence) indicates sturdy trust, while 'regel' (foot) represents one's way of life. God guards the righteous from moral/spiritual entrapment that ensnares the wicked. This isn't promise of trouble-free living but assurance that God protects His people from catastrophic destruction. The covenant-keeping God ensures His people aren't ultimately overcome.

Historical Context

Israel's history demonstrated this principle - though they experienced discipline, God never completely destroyed His covenant people. Exile punished but didn't annihilate them. Daniel and friends in Babylon exemplified divine protection amid hostile circumstances. The remnant theology reflected this verse: God preserves His people.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does making the LORD your confidence differ from self-confidence or trusting in circumstances?
2. What 'snares' threaten to trap you, and how does trusting God provide protection?
3. In what ways has God kept your foot from being taken when you were vulnerable to spiritual danger?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 91:3 (Parallel theme): Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

1 Samuel 2:9 (Parallel theme): He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

Proverbs 14:26 (References Lord): In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.