

Proverbs 3:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

Analysis

YHWH's curse is in the wicked's house, but He blesses the righteous's habitation. This verse presents two contrasting households - one under divine curse, the other under divine blessing. The house represents not just dwelling but household, family, legacy. God's curse means everything the wicked build is ultimately doomed; His blessing means everything the righteous build prospers eternally. This motivates covenant faithfulness through multi-generational perspective.

Historical Context

Reflects Deuteronomic theology where covenant faithfulness or violation affected entire households. God visited iniquity to third and fourth generations but showed mercy to thousands who love Him (Ex 20:5-6).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What evidence suggests your household is under God's blessing versus His curse?

2. How does concern for your household's spiritual welfare motivate your covenant faithfulness?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 37:22 (Blessing): For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

Malachi 2:2 (Blessing): If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

Psalms 91:10 (Evil): There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Psalms 1:3 (Parallel theme): And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Deuteronomy 7:26 (Curse): Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.