

Proverbs 30:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Analysis

Every word of God is 'pure' (Hebrew 'tsaraph'—refined, tested); He is a shield to those who trust Him. This verse transitions from questions (verse 4) to affirmation of Scripture's perfection and God's protection. The word 'tsaraph' refers to refined metal—God's Word has been tested and proven completely pure. Reformed theology's doctrine of Scripture's inerrancy and sufficiency flows from this. God's Word is flawless and fully trustworthy. Those who trust ('chasah'—take refuge) find Him a shield (Psalm 18:30).

Historical Context

The refining metaphor connects to ancient metallurgy—tested silver or gold contained no impurities. Similarly, God's Word withstands all testing and proves completely reliable and without error.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. Do you trust Scripture as completely pure and reliable in all it affirms?

2. How has God's Word proven itself a shield in your life?
3. What does it mean practically to take refuge in God and His Word?

Interlinear Text

כָּל	אִמְרַת	אֱלֹהִים	צָרוּרָה	מִגִּדְלִי	וְהוּא
H3605	Every word	of God	is pure	he is a shield	H1931
	H565	H433	H6884	H4043	

לְחֹסֵי יָם	בָּוִי:
unto them that put their trust	H0
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 18:30 (Faith): As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

Psalms 84:11 (References God): 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.

Psalms 3:3 (Parallel theme): But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

Psalms 12:6 (Word): The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

James 3:17 (Parallel theme): But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Psalms 119:140 (Word): Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

Psalms 91:2 (Faith): I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Genesis 15:1 (Word): After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

Psalms 144:2 (Faith): 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.

Romans 7:12 (Word): Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

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