

Proverbs 6:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

Analysis

The wronged husband will not regard any ransom, nor be appeased though you multiply gifts. The Hebrew 'chaphets' (delight/accept) and 'abah' (consent/be willing) describe absolute refusal. No amount of payment satisfies betrayed love's wound. Financial compensation can't heal personal betrayal. This warns: adultery creates damage that wealth cannot repair. While civil offenses allow financial restitution, covenant violations demand more than money can provide.

Historical Context

Mosaic Law allowed financial compensation for various offenses, but adultery required death (Leviticus 20:10). Though enforcement varied, the principle remained: some sins create irreparable harm. Davids offering Uriah's widow, payment to Bathsheba, gifts to anyone couldn't repair the murder and adultery's damage. Second Samuel 12:13-14 records God's forgiveness but lasting consequences.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What damage have you caused that financial compensation cannot repair?
2. How does understanding that some consequences persist despite forgiveness affect your view of sin's seriousness?
3. What relationships in your life require genuine repentance and changed behavior, not merely apology or gifts?

Interlinear Text

לֹא	! שָׂא	פָּנֵי י	כָּל	כֹּפָר	וְלֹא	יִאָּבֵן ה
H3808	He will not regard	H6440	H3605	any ransom	H3808	neither will he rest content
	H5375			H3724		H14
כִּי	תִּתֶּנָּה	שְׁחָדָה:				
H3588	though thou givest many	gifts				
	H7235	H7810				

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