

Psalms 10:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.

Analysis

The wicked's theology is revealed: God has forgotten, hidden His face, and will never see. This is practical atheism—even if God exists, He is irrelevant. The Hebrew 'shakach' (forgotten) and 'sathar' (hidden) suggest divine disengagement. This false theology justifies wickedness by denying divine omniscience and providence, contradicting Psalm 139's affirmation that God sees all.

Historical Context

Reflects the functional atheism of oppressors who publicly acknowledged God but lived as if He didn't observe their actions—a pattern condemned by the prophets.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. In what subtle ways do you live as if God doesn't see your actions?

2. How does God's omniscience affect your private behavior?

Interlinear Text

אָמַר	בְּלִבּוֹ	שָׁכַח	אֵל	הַסֵּת יָרֵךְ	פָּנָיו	בַּל
He hath said	in his heart	hath forgotten	God	he hideth	his face	H1077
H559	H3820	H7911	H410	H5641	H6440	
רָאָה	לִנְצַחַת:					
see	he will never					
H7200	H5331					

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 8:12 (Parallel theme): Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

Psalms 94:7 (References God): Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

Psalms 10:6 (Parallel theme): He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.

Psalms 73:11 (References God): And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

Psalms 64:5 (Parallel theme): They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?

Ecclesiastes 8:11 (Parallel theme): Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Ezekiel 9:9 (Parallel theme): Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not.

