

Psalm 10:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.

Analysis

The psalmist questions why the wicked revile God by saying 'He will not call to account.' This reveals the connection between denying God's judgment and blaspheming His character. The Hebrew 'na'ats' (revile/despise) indicates contempt for God's moral nature. Reformed theology affirms that denying accountability to God is the essence of sin's rebellion.

Historical Context

Written during a time when evildoers prospered and mocked the idea of divine justice, similar to scoffers in 2 Peter 3:3-4 who ask 'Where is the promise of His coming?'

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does your life demonstrate belief in future accountability to God?
2. What cultural narratives deny divine judgment, and how do you counter them?

Interlinear Text

אָמַר אֱלֹהִים בְּשַׁעַן כִּי תְּמַתֵּן הַעֲלֵה
H5921 H4100 contemn Wherefore doth the wicked God he hath said
H5006 H7563 H430 H559

לֹא בְּלֹבֶן תְּדַרְשָׁנָה
in his heart H3808 Thou wilt not require
H3820 H1875

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