

Psalm 10:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

Analysis

The Hebrew describes the wicked man's ways as 'secure' or 'firm' (halaq), showing the temporal prosperity of sinners that troubled many psalmists. God's judgments are 'too high' (marom), illustrating spiritual blindness—the unregenerate cannot perceive divine truth (1 Corinthians 2:14). The Reformed doctrine of total depravity explains this inability to see God's ways.

Historical Context

Written during a period when the wicked enjoyed prosperity while the righteous suffered, a tension addressed throughout Wisdom literature (Job, Ecclesiastes).

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do you reconcile the apparent success of the wicked with God's justice?

2. What does spiritual blindness teach about humanity's need for regeneration?

Interlinear Text

מִנְגָּד	וְ	מֵ	שִׁפְטִים	מִרְ	וּמְ	עַת	בְּכָל	דְּבָרָךְ	וְ	לְ	לְ
grievous	His ways	H3605	are always	are far above	thy judgments						H5048
H2342	H1870		H6256	H4791	H4941						
כָּל			צַ וְרַבְּ יְ			בְּקָם:	יְפָרֵחַ				
H3605	out of his sight as for all his enemies	H6887	he puffeth			H0					
				H6315							

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 26:11 (Parallel theme): LORD, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them.

Psalms 12:5 (Parallel theme): For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

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