

Psalms 101:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

Analysis

Deceit (remiyyah) and lies (sheker) represent fundamental breaches of covenant faithfulness. David's household standards mirror God's own character as one who cannot lie (Num 23:19, Titus 1:2). This verse establishes truth-telling as essential for fellowship with God's people. The Reformed doctrine of God's truthfulness undergirds all theology; similarly, God's people must be marked by veracity. Christ declared Himself 'the truth' (John 14:6), embodying perfect integrity.

Historical Context

David's court faced numerous instances of deception, from Absalom's conspiracy to various treasonous plots. This psalm likely served as an ethical code for those seeking positions in the royal household.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. In what areas of your life are you tempted to compromise truth for convenience or advantage?

2. How does Christ as 'the Truth' reshape your understanding of integrity in all relationships?

Interlinear Text

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| לֹא | יֵשׁ בּוֹ | בְּקֵרֶב | בֵּיתִי | עֹשֶׂה | רֶמַיָּה |
| H3808 | shall not dwell | within | my house | He that worketh | deceit |
| | H3427 | H7130 | H1004 | H6213 | H7423 |
| דֹּבֵר | שֶׁקֶר יֵם | לֹא | ! כֹּן | לִנְגֹד | עֵינַי: |
| he that telleth | lies | H3808 | shall not tarry | H5048 | in my sight |
| H1696 | H8267 | | H3559 | | H5869 |

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