

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

Psalm 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

לֹא	יִשְׁבֶּן	בְּבֵיתִי	עֲשֵׂה	רְמַזֵּה
H3808	shall not dwell	within	my house	He that worketh
H3427	H7130	H1004	H6213	H7423
לֹא	שָׁקֵר	יִם	דָּבָר	נִצְנֵן
he that telleth	lies	shall not tarry	in my sight	
H1696	H8267	H3808	H5048	H5869

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