

Psalms 111:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

Analysis

Ma'asei yadav emet u'mishpat (The works of His hands are truth and justice). Yad (hand) indicates direct action. Emet (truth/faithfulness/reliability); mishpat (justice/judgment). Everything God does reflects perfect truth and justice. Ne'emanim kol pikkudav (faithful/reliable are all His precepts). Aman (be faithful/trustworthy); pikkud (precept). God's works and words alike are utterly reliable. His deeds reflect His character; His commands reflect His wisdom. Both deserve absolute trust.

Historical Context

Throughout history, human rulers issued decrees that proved unjust, unwise, or self-serving. Divine precepts, by contrast, are perfectly just and wise. Torah's laws demonstrated superior justice to surrounding legal codes. Prophets condemned rulers who perverted justice while calling Israel back to God's righteous standards. Jesus perfectly embodied truth (John 14:6) and justice. His death satisfied both—justice demanded by sin's penalty, mercy extended through substitution. God's works and words never contradict—both manifest His perfect character.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing that all God's works manifest truth and justice build trust?
2. What apparent conflicts between God's justice and mercy are resolved at the cross?
3. How should God's absolute reliability affect obedience to His precepts?

Interlinear Text

מַעֲשֵׂי	יָדָיו	אֱמֶת	וּמִשְׁפָּט	נֶאֱמָנִים	כֹּל
The works	of his hands	are verity	and judgment	are sure	H3605
H4639	H3027	H571	H4941	H539	

פְּקֻדָּיו:
all his commandments
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 19:7 (Word): The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Psalms 89:14 (Judgment): Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Psalms 119:160 (Judgment): Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Psalms 98:3 (Parallel theme): He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Psalms 119:151 (Word): Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth.

Psalms 105:8 (Word): He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

Deuteronomy 32:4 (Judgment): He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

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