

Psalms 112:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

Analysis

This verse emphasizes stability and perpetual remembrance: 'Surely he shall not be moved for ever.' 'Moved' (mot) means shaken, disturbed, or overthrown. The promise of never being moved contrasts with the instability of the wicked. 'For ever' indicates eternal duration. This doesn't promise absence of trial but ultimate security - nothing can fundamentally overthrow the righteous person's standing with God. The second clause states: 'the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.' To be remembered is to have ongoing significance and legacy. In Hebrew thought, to be forgotten is to cease to matter, while to be remembered means one's life and influence continue. 'Everlasting remembrance' promises that the righteous person's life has eternal significance. This remembrance is both God's remembrance (He never forgets His own) and human remembrance (their legacy endures). The verse offers assurance of both present stability and eternal significance.

Historical Context

In ancient Near Eastern culture, one's 'name' and 'remembrance' constituted ongoing existence and influence. To have one's name cut off or forgotten was the ultimate curse (Psalm 9:5-6, 109:13). Conversely, lasting remembrance was the highest blessing. Israel's covenant included the promise that Abraham's name would be great (Genesis 12:2), and this extended to his spiritual descendants. The contrast between the righteous who are remembered and the wicked who are forgotten appears throughout wisdom literature (Proverbs 10:7). In practice,

righteous individuals like Abraham, Moses, and David are indeed remembered millennia later, their lives still influencing believers. The promise that the righteous 'shall not be moved' echoed Israel's experience - though individuals faced trials, those trusting in God found Him their stability. This was particularly meaningful during exile when everything seemed shaken. For Christians, this promise finds ultimate fulfillment in resurrection - even death cannot ultimately 'move' those in Christ (1 Corinthians 15:54-58).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to not be 'moved' in a world full of instability and change?
2. How is the promise of never being moved compatible with the reality that righteous people do face trials and even death?
3. Why is being in 'everlasting remembrance' significant, and whose remembrance is most important?
4. In what ways does this verse challenge the pursuit of temporary fame or worldly security?
5. How does Christ's resurrection guarantee that believers shall not ultimately be moved?

Interlinear Text

פִּי	לֹא	עַל	וְלֹא	מִי	וְלֹא	מִי	לִי	כִּי	וְלֹא	מִי
H3588										
	for ever	H3808		Surely he shall not be moved	remembrance				for ever	
	H5769			H4131	H2143				H5769	
יְהוָה	צַדִּיק:									
H1961										
	the righteous									
	H6662									

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 10:7 (Righteousness): The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

Hebrews 6:10 (Righteousness): For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Psalms 55:22 (Righteousness): Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Psalms 125:1 (Parallel theme): They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

Psalms 15:5 (Parallel theme): He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Psalms 62:2 (Parallel theme): He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

Nehemiah 13:31 (Parallel theme): And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

Psalms 62:6 (Parallel theme): He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

Nehemiah 13:22 (Parallel theme): And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.