

Psalms 18:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

Analysis

Yahweh repaid David 'according to my righteousness,' 'according to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.' The repetition from verse 20 emphasizes covenant faithfulness. The addition 'in His sight' acknowledges God as judge of true righteousness versus mere appearance. This anticipates the Judgment Seat of Christ where works are evaluated (2 Corinthians 5:10) and rewards given for faithfulness (1 Corinthians 3:12-15).

Historical Context

Reflects David's vindication after years of unjust persecution—God's justice eventually prevailed, establishing David as king and judging Saul's house.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does 'in God's sight' change your perspective on righteousness?
2. Do you live for human approval or divine vindication?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׁב	יְהוָה ה	לִי	כְצִדְקָתִי
recompensed	Therefore hath the LORD	H0	me according to my righteousness
H7725	H3068		H6664
כְּבִרְיָתִי	יְדֵי יְ	לִפְנֵי גֹד	עֵינָיו:
according to the cleanness	of my hands	H5048	in his eyesight
H1252	H3027		H5869

Additional Cross-References

Ruth 2:12 (References Lord): The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

1 Samuel 26:23 (Righteousness): The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into my hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S anointed.

Hebrews 6:16 (Parallel theme): For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.