

Psalms 18:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

Analysis

With the blameless God shows Himself blameless, with the pure He shows Himself pure. The Hebrew 'tamim' (blameless) and 'barar' (pure/clean) indicate integrity and moral purity. This doesn't mean God changes but that people experience Him according to their relationship with Him. Jesus taught that the pure in heart shall see God (Matthew 5:8). Reformed theology affirms that while God's character is unchanging, our experience of Him varies with our spiritual state.

Historical Context

Wisdom principle that the righteous experience God's favor while the wicked experience His opposition—seen throughout Proverbs and Psalms.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does your spiritual condition affect your perception of God?
2. What impurities hinder you from experiencing God's presence fully?

Interlinear Text

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H5973	With the pure	With the pure	H5973	and with the froward
	H1305	H1305		H6141
תִּתְפַּתֵּל:				
thou wilt shew thyself froward				
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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 3:34 (Parallel theme): Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

James 2:13 (Parallel theme): For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.