

Psalms 19:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Analysis

God's servant is 'warned' by His rules, and keeping them brings 'great reward.' The Hebrew 'zahar' (warn) suggests both caution and enlightenment. The 'eqeb' (reward) is consequence, not wage—obedience brings inherent blessing. This anticipates Jesus' teaching that obeying His commands leads to abiding in His love (John 15:10). Reformed theology affirms that while salvation is by grace, obedience brings experiential blessing.

Historical Context

Written in context of covenant where obedience brought blessing and disobedience brought curse (Deuteronomy 28), not as earning salvation but as covenant response.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How have you experienced the inherent rewards of obedience?
2. In what ways does God's word warn and protect you from danger?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

2 John 1:8 (Parallel theme): Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Psalms 119:11 (Parallel theme): Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Proverbs 29:18 (Parallel theme): Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

James 1:25 (Parallel theme): But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Matthew 6:4 (Parallel theme): That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

Revelation 14:13 (Parallel theme): And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Hebrews 11:26 (Parallel theme): Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

Matthew 3:7 (Parallel theme): But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (Parallel theme): Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

Acts 20:31 (Parallel theme): Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

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