

Psalm 24:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Analysis

The qualified worshiper (v.4) 'shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.' Blessing and righteousness are received, not earned—pure grace. The phrase 'God of his salvation' (Elohei yisho) emphasizes personal relationship with the saving God. Reformed theology sees imputation here: God credits righteousness to those who meet the standard through faith in Christ. We receive what Christ earned, demonstrating sola gratia—salvation by grace alone.

Historical Context

Temple worshipers sought God's blessing through sacrifice and obedience. This verse promised that qualifying worshipers would receive divine favor—both material (covenant blessings) and spiritual (righteousness). Christ perfectly fulfilled the qualifications, earning blessings He shares with believers.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does 'receiving' righteousness differ from 'achieving' it?
2. What blessings have you received from the 'God of your salvation'?

Interlinear Text

אִישׁ	בָּרוּךְ	תִּמְאָת	הָיָה	צִדְקָה
He shall receive	the blessing	H853	from the LORD	and righteousness
H5375	H1293		H3068	H6666
מְאֹלָה	שָׁעָן			
from the God	of his salvation	H430	H3468	

Additional Cross-References

Philippians 3:9 (Righteousness): And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Ephesians 1:3 (Sin): Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Isaiah 46:13 (Salvation): I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

1 Peter 3:9 (Sin): Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

Isaiah 12:2 (Salvation): Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Psalms 50:23 (Salvation): Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

Galatians 3:14 (Sin): That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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