

Psalm 25:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

Analysis

The promise to the God-fearer: 'His soul shall dwell at ease' and 'his seed shall inherit the earth.' 'Dwelling at ease' means spiritual rest and security, not necessarily material comfort. 'Seed inheriting the earth' echoes the Abrahamic promise and Jesus' beatitude (Matt. 5:5). Reformed theology sees covenant blessings extending to believers' children—God's grace flows through generations. While not guaranteeing every child's salvation, this promises God's special favor on covenant families.

Historical Context

In agricultural societies, inheriting land ensured generational survival and prosperity. This promise assured covenant-keepers that God would bless their descendants materially and spiritually, encouraging faithfulness despite present hardships.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does your soul 'dwell at ease' through trusting God?
2. What responsibility do you have toward your 'seed' inheriting spiritual blessings?

Interlinear Text

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His soul at ease shall dwell and his seed shall inherit the earth
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 37:11 (Parallel theme): But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Proverbs 19:23 (Parallel theme): The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

Proverbs 1:33 (Parallel theme): But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Matthew 5:5 (Parallel theme): Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Zephaniah 3:17 (Parallel theme): The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Isaiah 65:23 (Parallel theme): They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

Acts 2:39 (Parallel theme): For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Psalms 37:26 (Parallel theme): He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

Proverbs 29:25 (Parallel theme): The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Psalms 112:2 (Parallel theme): His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

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