

Psalm 28:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

Analysis

The indictment 'Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands' explains why judgment is appropriate. Willful ignorance of God's revelation (both creation and providence) warrants condemnation. The consequence: 'he shall destroy them, and not build them up.' Reformed theology sees judicial hardening—those who refuse divine revelation are given over to blindness (Rom. 1:18-32). God's works and operations reveal His character; ignoring them merits judgment.

Historical Context

Israel's prophets condemned nations and individuals who disregarded God's mighty acts in history. Refusing to acknowledge divine providence hardened hearts toward further rebellion. This willful blindness brought covenant curse.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do people today 'regard not the works of the LORD' despite clear evidence?
2. What does God's dual capacity to 'destroy' or 'build up' teach about human responsibility?

Interlinear Text

לְאֵכֶל בְּיְנוּ לֹא תִּפְעַל תְּהִנֵּה אֵל הָיָה לֹא
H3588 H3808 Because they regard H413 not the works of the LORD H413
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מַעֲשֵׂה הַרְאֵת מְדִינָה לֹא בְּנֵם
H4639 H3027 H2040 H3808 H1129 them and not build them up

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 5:12 (References Lord): And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.

Romans 1:28 (Parallel theme): And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

John 12:37 (Parallel theme): But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

Psalms 10:5 (Parallel theme): His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

2 Samuel 7:13 (Parallel theme): He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.