

Psalms 33:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

Analysis

He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works. David concludes theme of divine omniscience by affirming God's unique understanding—He made all hearts and therefore comprehends all actions. This establishes Creator's prerogative knowledge of His creatures.

He fashioneth their hearts alike (Hebrew *yatsar*—form, fashion, mold; *leb*—heart, inner being; *yachad*—together, alike) presents God as craftsman shaping each person's inner being. *Yatsar* is potter's term, used in Genesis 2:7 when God formed man from dust. Just as potter knows clay he shapes, God knows hearts He fashions. Alike (*yachad*) can mean together or individually—suggesting either God fashions all hearts collectively (understanding human nature universally) or He fashions each heart individually (knowing each person particularly). Both interpretations yield same truth: as Creator, God possesses perfect knowledge of human nature and individual persons.

He considereth all their works (Hebrew *bin*—understand, discern, consider; *ma'aseh*—deeds, works, actions) emphasizes evaluative knowledge. Considereth (*bin*) is stronger than mere seeing—it implies understanding, discerning significance, evaluating righteousness. God doesn't merely observe actions externally; He understands motivations, judges righteousness, discerns true character. All their works means comprehensive evaluation—nothing overlooked, nothing misunderstood.

This verse grounds divine judgment in Creator rights. God judges rightly because He made us—knows our design, understands our capacities, recognizes when we fulfill or violate our created purpose. No one can claim God judges unfairly or doesn't understand their circumstances. As fashioner of hearts, He knows every factor; as considerer of works, He evaluates perfectly. This eliminates all excuses and establishes God's justice.

For believers, this provides assurance. God who fashioned your heart understands your struggles, knows your weaknesses, judges mercifully. His evaluation considers your limitations because He designed you. Christ's advocacy rests partly on this—He who was made like us in every way understands our condition and intercedes accordingly (Hebrews 2:17-18, 4:15-16).

Historical Context

God as fashioner/potter pervades Scripture. Isaiah 29:16, 45:9, 64:8 develop pottery metaphor—can clay question potter? Jeremiah 18:1-10 uses potter analogy for God's sovereign reshaping of nations. Romans 9:20-21 applies this to election—potter has right over clay to make vessels for honor or dishonor. God's creative activity grounds His sovereign rights over creation.

That God considers all works appears throughout wisdom literature. Proverbs repeatedly affirms God weighs hearts, evaluates motives, sees hidden things (Proverbs 16:2, 21:2, 24:12). Ecclesiastes concludes that God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing (Ecclesiastes 12:14). New Testament affirms nothing is hidden from God's sight; all things are naked and opened before Him (Hebrews 4:13). This comprehensive evaluation ensures perfect justice at final judgment.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does knowing God fashioned your heart—made you—affect your understanding of His expectations for you?
2. What comfort comes from Creator's intimate knowledge of your struggles, limitations, and design?
3. How does God's fashioning of all hearts alike enable Him to judge all people fairly despite different circumstances?
4. In what ways does God's considering (understanding deeply) your works differ from human judgment of your actions?
5. How should recognizing God as both Creator (fashioner) and Judge (considerer) shape your daily living?

Interlinear Text

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He fashioneth	alike	their hearts	he considereth	H413	H3605	all their works
H3335	H3162	H3820	H995			H4639

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 32:19 (Parallel theme): Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

Psalms 44:21 (Parallel theme): Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

Hosea 7:2 (Parallel theme): And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.

1 Corinthians 4:5 (Parallel theme): Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will

make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

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