

Psalms 37:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

Analysis

He is ever merciful, and lendeth (כל-היום חונן ומלֵה, kol-hayom chonen umalveh)—literally "all the day" the righteous shows chen (grace) and lends. The participles indicate habitual character, not occasional generosity. Torah commanded lending without interest to fellow Israelites (Exodus 22:25, Leviticus 25:35-37), making generosity covenantal duty. **And his seed is blessed** (וְזָרְעָו לְבָרָכה, v'zaro livrakha)—intergenerational blessing flows from righteous generosity. Proverbs 22:9 confirms: "He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed."

Jesus commanded radical generosity: "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away" (Matthew 5:42). This isn't mere social ethics but covenant faithfulness reflecting God's grace to us: "freely ye have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). The righteous man's economy mirrors God's grace-based kingdom.

Historical Context

Ancient Israel's agrarian economy depended on seed loans for planting seasons. Lending seed ensured community survival through crop cycles. The righteous man's generosity stabilized society, preventing destitution, while greedy creditors (condemned in prophets) exploited hardship for profit.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does your financial generosity reflect (or contradict) the daily, habitual grace this verse describes?
2. In what ways are you investing in others' success—lending resources, time, wisdom—expecting God to bless generational fruitfulness?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 112:5 (Parallel theme): A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Psalms 37:21 (Grace): The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

Psalms 112:9 (Parallel theme): He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

Matthew 5:7 (Grace): Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.