

Psalm 37:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Analysis

God will 'bring forth' (Hebrew 'yatsa,' cause to go out, produce) righteousness like dawn breaking—what was hidden in darkness becomes visible in light. The comparison to 'noonday' suggests not gradual vindication but blazing clarity where judgment is unmistakable. This addresses the hiddenness of righteousness in unjust times; though presently obscured, divine vindication will make righteousness shine undeniably. Romans 2:5 warns of 'the day when God shall judge,' when all hidden things become manifest (1 Corinthians 4:5).

Historical Context

Light imagery was powerful in pre-electric societies where sunrise and noon represented maximum visibility. David uses this to promise that currently hidden righteousness will become as obvious as blazing sunlight.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do you maintain integrity when your righteousness goes unnoticed or challenged?
2. What comfort comes from knowing God will eventually bring your righteousness to light?

Interlinear Text

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And he shall bring forth as the light thy righteousness and thy judgment
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 54:17 (Righteousness): No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Job 11:17 (Parallel theme): And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

Isaiah 58:8 (Righteousness): Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward.

Isaiah 58:10 (Light): And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

Matthew 13:43 (Righteousness): Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Psalms 31:20 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

1 Corinthians 4:5 (Judgment): 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.

Malachi 3:18 (Righteousness): Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

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