

Psalms 49:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.

Analysis

The way of fools: 'This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings.' Those who trust wealth follow a foolish path, yet their children repeat the same errors. Generational folly perpetuates itself as children 'approve' (literally, 'find pleasure in') their parents' misguided values.

Historical Context

Wisdom literature frequently noted how foolishness passes from generation to generation when children fail to learn from parents' errors. The cycle continues until someone breaks free through wisdom.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does foolishness get transmitted from generation to generation?
2. What breaks the cycle of approving the folly of the previous generation?

Interlinear Text

זֶה	דֶּרֶכָם	כִּי סָלַח	לְמוֹתוֹ	וְאַחֲרָיָם	בְּפִיָּהֶם
H2088	This their way	is their folly	H0	yet their posterity	their sayings
	H1870	H3689		H310	H6310

וְיִרְצֵהוּ	סֵלָה:
approve	Selah
H7521	H5542

Additional Cross-References

Luke 12:20 (Parallel theme): But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

1 Corinthians 3:19 (Parallel theme): For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.