

Psalm 5:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

Analysis

God's judgment extends to specific categories of sinners: liars ('speak leasing'), the violent ('bloody'), and the deceitful. The Hebrew 'kazab' (leasing/lies) emphasizes falsehood, while 'damim' (bloody) refers to those who shed innocent blood. God's 'abhorrence' (Hebrew 'ta'ab') is visceral rejection. These categories encompass humanity's chief sins against the ninth and sixth commandments. Yet this severe warning points to our need for a Savior who bore God's abhorrence on our behalf, becoming truth for liars and peace for the violent.

Historical Context

Israel's law prescribed death for both murder and bearing false witness in capital cases, reflecting God's hatred of these sins. The prophets constantly condemned bloodshed and deceit among Israel's leaders. Jesus called Satan the father of lies (John 8:44), connecting lying to ultimate evil. Revelation excludes liars from the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:8, 27).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. In what subtle ways might you be practicing deceit that God abhors?
2. How does knowing that God hates these sins motivate you toward truth and peace?

Interlinear Text

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| תְּמִימָּדְתִּים | נְאָבֶד | דְּבָרָי | כִּי בְּ | אִישׁ | יְמִים | וּמְרַמֵּת הָ |
| Thou shalt destroy | them that speak | leasing | man | the bloody | and deceitful | |
| H6 | H1696 | H3577 | H376 | H1818 | H4820 | |
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| בְּבָנָה יְהָוָה יְהִי: | אֶת עַבְדָּךְ | | | | | |
| will abhor | the LORD | | | | | |
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Additional Cross-References

Revelation 21:8 (Parallel theme): But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Psalms 55:23 (Blood): But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

Revelation 22:15 (Parallel theme): For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Isaiah 26:21 (Sin): For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Psalms 4:2 (Sin): O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.

