

Psalms 50:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

Analysis

The root problem: 'Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.' Despite reciting statutes, the wicked person hates the instruction those statutes contain. Casting words 'behind thee' means treating them as irrelevant, passed over, ignored. Scripture quoted is Scripture ignored.

Historical Context

Israel's history included periods of external religious observance while internally rejecting God's authority. The book of the law could be forgotten even while the temple functioned (2 Kings 22).

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How can we 'hate instruction' while knowing Scripture?
2. What does casting God's words 'behind thee' look like practically?

Interlinear Text

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H859	Seeing thou hatest	instruction	and castest	my words	behind
	H8130	H4148	H7993	H1697	H310

Additional Cross-References

Nehemiah 9:26 (Word): Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations.

Proverbs 12:1 (Parallel theme): Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

Proverbs 1:7 (Parallel theme): The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Jeremiah 8:9 (Word): The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?

Romans 1:28 (Parallel theme): And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Proverbs 8:36 (Parallel theme): But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

Jeremiah 18:12 (Parallel theme): And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

John 3:20 (Parallel theme): For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

1 Kings 14:9 (Parallel theme): But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:

