

Psalms 50:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

Analysis

The righteous judge: 'And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself.' The heavens testify to God's perfect justice--His judgment is not arbitrary but righteous. 'God is judge himself'--He needs no intermediary, no human tribunal. Divine judgment is direct, perfect, final.

Historical Context

The declaration of divine righteousness assures that the coming judgment is just. Unlike corrupt human courts, God's judgment reflects perfect knowledge and perfect justice.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does heaven's declaration of God's righteousness assure fair judgment?

2. What comfort comes from knowing that 'God is judge himself'?

Interlinear Text

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H5046	H8064	H6664		H430	H8199
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 97:6 (Righteousness): The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

Psalms 89:5 (Parallel theme): And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

Psalms 75:7 (Judgment): But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

Revelation 19:2 (Righteousness): For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

Psalms 9:16 (Judgment): The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

Romans 2:5 (Righteousness): But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

Genesis 18:25 (Righteousness): That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

