

Psalms 62:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

Analysis

The warning against trusting in oppression and robbery identifies two temptations—using power unjustly or accumulating wealth wickedly. 'Become not vain in robbery' warns that ill-gotten gains produce emptiness. The caution about riches increasing ('if riches increase, set not your heart upon them') addresses prosperity's spiritual danger, anticipating Christ's warnings about wealth's deceitfulness (Mark 4:19).

Historical Context

David's rise to power involved resisting temptations to seize the kingdom through violence (1 Samuel 24:4-7, 26:8-11). His restraint demonstrated trust in God's timing rather than human expedience.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What forms of oppression and robbery tempt those with power in modern contexts?

2. How can you steward increasing resources without 'setting your heart' on them?

Interlinear Text

אֶל	תִּבְטַח וְ	בְּעֹשֶׂק	וּבְגָז ל	אֶל	תִּהְיֶה לוֹ	חַיִּיל
H408	Trust	not in oppression	in robbery	H408	and become not vain	if riches
	H982	H6233	H1498		H1891	H2428
כִּי	יִגְוַב	אֶל	תֵּשֶׁב יִתּוֹ	לֵב:		
H3588	increase	H408	set	not your heart		
	H5107		H7896	H3820		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 52:7 (Faith): Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

Jeremiah 17:11 (Parallel theme): As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

1 Timothy 6:17 (Faith): Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

Isaiah 61:8 (Parallel theme): For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Isaiah 30:12 (Faith): Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:

Psalms 49:6 (Faith): They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

Job 20:29 (Parallel theme): This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God.

Job 20:19 (Parallel theme): Because he hath oppressed and hath forsaken the poor; because he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not;

Mark 10:23 (Parallel theme): And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

1 Timothy 6:10 (Faith): For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

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