

Psalm 62:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

Analysis

The affirmation 'Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy' balances verse 11's power. The foundation for final judgment appears: 'thou renderest to every man according to his work.' This appears to contradict salvation by grace until recognizing that believers' works flow from grace, tested by fire (1 Corinthians 3:12-15). God's mercy determines standing; works evidence genuine faith.

Historical Context

The doctrine of judgment according to works appears throughout Scripture (Ecclesiastes 12:14, Matthew 16:27, Revelation 20:12), requiring careful integration with justification by faith. Works are evidence, not basis, of salvation.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do you reconcile salvation by grace with judgment according to works?
2. What does God's mercy 'belonging' to Him reveal about its availability?

Interlinear Text

וְלֹא	אֶלְךָ	תִּסְדַּקְתָּ	כִּי	אַתָּה	תִּשְׁלַח
H0	Also unto thee O Lord	belongeth mercy	H3588	H859	for thou renderest
H136		H2617			H7999

לֹא	וְ	כִּמְעָשֶׁה	וְ		
to every man		according to his work			
H376		H4639			

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 16:27 (Parallel theme): For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Psalms 103:8 (Grace): The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Job 34:11 (Parallel theme): For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.

Revelation 22:12 (Parallel theme): And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Psalms 86:15 (Grace): But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Proverbs 24:12 (Parallel theme): If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

Romans 2:6 (Parallel theme): Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

1 Corinthians 3:8 (Parallel theme): Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

Daniel 9:9 (References Lord): To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

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