

Psalm 64:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.

Analysis

The 'search out iniquities' reveals meticulous plotting. 'They accomplish a diligent search' (literally 'searched search,' intensive Hebrew) shows thoroughness in devising wickedness. Yet 'the inward thought of every one... and the heart, is deep' indicates that plotters underestimate both their own depravity and God's deeper knowledge, demonstrating that sin's depths exceed human comprehension (Jeremiah 17:9).

Historical Context

The reference to deep inward thought and heart connects to wisdom literature's teaching about the heart's deceitfulness. Even the wicked cannot fully plumb their own capacity for evil, let alone escape God's deeper scrutiny.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does the thoroughness of wicked plotting teach about taking spiritual warfare seriously?
2. How does the 'deep' heart require divine illumination to be truly known?

Interlinear Text

מְחַפֵּשׁ	שׁ	חַפֵּשׁ	עֲוָלָת	תְּמִנָּה	תְּמִנָּה	מְחַפֵּשׁ	שׁ	חַפֵּשׁ
They search out	iniquities	they accomplish	They search out	search				
H2664	H5766	H8552	H2664	H2665				
בָּoth	הַלְּבָב	אֶת	עֵשֶׂת	בְּלִבְנֵי	בְּלִבְנֵי	עַמְּקָמָה		
the inward	thought of every one	of them and the heart	is deep					
H7130	H376	H3820	H6013					

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 29:15 (Parallel theme): Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

Psalms 5:9 (Parallel theme): For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

Proverbs 20:5 (Parallel theme): Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

1 Corinthians 4:5 (Parallel theme): Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Matthew 26:59 (Parallel theme): Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

1 Samuel 24:9 (Parallel theme): And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

1 Samuel 25:10 (Parallel theme): And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.

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