

Psalms 72:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

Analysis

The king redeems lives 'from deceit and violence,' recognizing that the vulnerable face both fraud and force. 'Precious shall their blood be in his sight' affirms the high value God places on each person, especially the despised. Where the world views the poor as expendable, God sees them as precious. Christ demonstrated this by dying for sinners—those of no apparent worth became infinitely valuable through His sacrifice (Romans 5:8).

Historical Context

In ancient society, the poor's blood was cheap—they could be exploited or killed with little consequence. God's king inverts this, making even the lowliest person's life precious and worthy of protection.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing that you're 'precious' in God's sight affect your self-understanding?

2. From what 'deceit and violence' has Christ redeemed you spiritually?
3. How can you demonstrate that others' lives are 'precious' through your actions and advocacy?

Interlinear Text

מִתּוֹךְ	וּמִחַוְלָה	יִגְאֹל	נַפְשָׁם	וְיִיקָר
from deceit	and violence	He shall redeem	their soul	and precious
H8496	H2555	H1350	H5315	H3365
וְדָמָם	בְּעֵינָיו:			
shall their blood	be in his sight			
H1818	H5869			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 116:15 (Parallel theme): Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Revelation 19:2 (Blood): 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 69:18 (Redemption): Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

2 Samuel 4:9 (Redemption): And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity,

Revelation 17:6 (Blood): And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Psalms 25:22 (Redemption): Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Psalms 130:8 (Redemption): And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Genesis 48:16 (Redemption): The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

1 Samuel 26:21 (Parallel theme): Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

Titus 2:14 (Redemption): Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

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