

Psalms 73:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

Analysis

The wicked ask, 'How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?' This questions God's omniscience and moral governance. If God doesn't know or care about injustice, they can act wickedly without consequence. This practical atheism denies divine oversight even while giving lip service to God's existence. Yet 'the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth' (2 Chronicles 16:9); nothing escapes His notice or ultimate justice.

Historical Context

This question echoes the fool's claim 'There is no God' (Psalm 14:1)—not theoretical atheism but practical godlessness. People live as if God doesn't see or won't judge, enabling moral chaos.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. In what areas might you act as if God doesn't see or won't judge your actions?

2. How does affirming God's omniscience shape ethical behavior and accountability?
3. What comfort comes from knowing God does see all injustice and will ultimately judge righteously?

Interlinear Text

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And they say	H349	know	How doth God	and is there	knowledge
H559		H3045	H410	H3426	H1844

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Additional Cross-References

Hosea 7:2 (Parallel theme): And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.

Zephaniah 1:12 (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.

Psalms 94:7 (References God): Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.