

Psalms 73:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

Analysis

Their eyes 'stand out with fatness' suggests excessive indulgence producing physical corpulence. 'They have more than heart could wish' means they exceed even their own greedy desires. This describes people whose lives revolve around material accumulation and sensual pleasure. Yet Jesus warns that a person's life doesn't consist in abundance of possessions (Luke 12:15). The rich fool's barns were full but his soul was impoverished (Luke 12:16-21).

Historical Context

In societies where most people lived at subsistence level, the wealthy elite's conspicuous consumption was morally offensive. Amos condemned those living in luxury while ignoring injustice (Amos 6:4-7).

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do you guard against defining life by material abundance rather than spiritual riches?

2. What does having 'more than heart could wish' reveal about the insatiability of greed?
3. How can you cultivate contentment in a culture obsessed with accumulation and indulgence?

Interlinear Text

יֵצֵא	מִיֵּה לֵב	עֵינֵי מוֹ	עַ בְּרַו	מִשְׁכִּי וְ	לֵבָב:
stand out	with fatness	Their eyes	they have more	could wish	than heart
H3318	H2459	H5869	H5674	H4906	H3824

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 17:10 (Parallel theme): They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

Job 15:27 (Parallel theme): Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on his flanks.

Jeremiah 5:28 (Parallel theme): They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.