

# Proverbs 12:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips, but the just shall come out of trouble. Sinful speech entraps the wicked - their own words become snare. Righteous persons escape trouble that wicked words create. This verse warns that verbal sins have consequences - lying, slander, and foolish speech entrap speakers. Conversely, righteous speech enables escape from dangers wicked speech creates.

## Historical Context

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Reflects covenant community where one's words could bring guilt or provide defense. False words ensnared speakers in contradictions and consequences; truthful words provided deliverance.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How have your words created traps that have snared you?
2. How can you guard your speech to avoid self-imposed troubles?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 21:23** (Parallel theme): Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

**Psalms 64:8** (Parallel theme): So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.

**Proverbs 11:8** (Righteousness): The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

**Proverbs 6:2** (Parallel theme): Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

**Daniel 6:24** (Parallel theme): And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

**2 Peter 2:9** (Righteousness): The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

**Ecclesiastes 7:18** (Parallel theme): It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.

**Psalms 5:6** (Sin): Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

**Psalms 34:19** (Righteousness): Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

**Proverbs 15:2** (Parallel theme): The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

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