

# Proverbs 12:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

## Analysis

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The lip of truth shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment. Truth endures permanently; lies are temporary. This verse promises ultimate vindication of truth and exposure of falsehood. While lies may temporarily deceive, truth eventually prevails. The long-view perspective relativizes temporary deception while affirming truth's permanence.

## Historical Context

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Reflects biblical conviction that God is truth and ensures truth's ultimate triumph. While liars may temporarily succeed, their lies will be exposed and truth established.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does confidence in truth's permanence affect your commitment to honesty?

2. What lies have you told that seem to be working but will eventually be exposed?

## Interlinear Text

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שִׁפְת	אֶמֶת	תָּכֵן	לְעֹד	אֶרְגַּי	לְשׁוֹן
<b>The lip</b>	<b>of truth</b>	<b>shall be established</b>	<b>for ever</b>	<b>is but for a moment</b>	<b>tongue</b>
H8193	H571	H3559	H5703	H5704 H7280	H3956

שֶׁקֶר:  
**but a lying**  
H8267

## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 19:9** (Parallel theme): A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.

**Job 20:5** (Parallel theme): That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?