

Proverbs 4:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

Analysis

Looking straight ahead prevents distraction and moral compromise. The path imagery continues the chapter's theme—life requires focus on the goal and avoidance of detours. Eyes fixed on Christ (Hebrews 12:2) enables perseverance through temptation and trial, maintaining the pilgrim's progress heavenward.

Historical Context

Ancient roads were perilous, with dangers lurking at turns and side paths. Travelers needed vigilant attention to the route, making this a vivid metaphor for spiritual navigation through a fallen world.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What spiritual 'side paths' most frequently tempt you away from following Christ?
2. How can you maintain focus on your heavenly destination amid earthly distractions?

Interlinear Text

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Let thine eyes	right on	look	and let thine eyelids	look straight	H5048
H5869	H5227	H5027	H6079	H3474	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 119:37 (Parallel theme): Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

Matthew 6:22 (Parallel theme): The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Job 31:1 (Parallel theme): I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

Proverbs 23:33 (Parallel theme): Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

Proverbs 23:5 (Parallel theme): Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.