

Proverbs 6:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

Analysis

The consequence of hasty surety is being 'snared' or 'taken'—Hebrew 'laqash' and 'taphas,' both hunting metaphors. This imagery reveals how financial folly traps us like prey. From a Reformed perspective, this illustrates how sin (even well-intentioned foolishness) ensnares us, demonstrating our need for divine wisdom. The verse emphasizes personal responsibility—we are 'snared with the words of thy mouth,' showing that our commitments have binding moral and practical consequences.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern contracts were often verbal agreements witnessed publicly. Once spoken, these pledges were legally and morally binding, making hasty words particularly dangerous in that cultural context.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. Have you ever experienced being 'snared' by your own hasty words or commitments?
2. How does recognizing personal accountability in financial matters reflect Reformed theology's emphasis on human responsibility?
3. What practices help you ensure your words and commitments are thoughtful rather than impulsive?

Interlinear Text

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| נוֹקָה שָׁתָּה | בְּאִמְרֵי | פִּיךָ: | נָ לָךְ דָּתָה | בְּאִמְרֵי |
| Thou art snared | with the words | of thy mouth | thou art taken | with the words |
| H3369 | H561 | H6310 | H3920 | H561 |
| פִּיךָ: | | | | |
| of thy mouth | | | | |
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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 18:7 (Parallel theme): A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

Proverbs 12:13 (Parallel theme): The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.