

Proverbs 7:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

Analysis

So I came out to meet you, to seek your face, and I've found you. The Hebrew 'shachar' (seek early/diligently) and 'matsa' (find) describe intentional pursuit. The seductress flatters her target - you're special, I specifically sought you. This personalized approach disarms resistance. Flattery makes us feel valued, lowering defenses. Seduction often involves making targets feel uniquely special and desired.

Historical Context

Flattery appears throughout Proverbs as dangerous tool (26:28, 28:23, 29:5). Sincere praise edifies; flattery manipulates. The distinction: flattery serves speaker's agenda regardless of truth; praise serves truth regardless of speaker's benefit. Discerning the difference requires wisdom and humility - pride makes us susceptible to flattery.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does flattery make you vulnerable to manipulation or seduction?
2. What differences distinguish sincere affirmation from manipulative flattery?
3. How can you receive legitimate praise without becoming proud or susceptible to flattery?

Interlinear Text

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