

# Proverbs 7:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:

## Analysis

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For my husband is not at home; he's gone on a long journey. The Hebrew 'iysh' (husband/man) and 'derek rachowq' (long journey/way) indicate assured absence. The seductress promises safety through circumstance - no one will know. Sin feels safer when detection seems impossible. But hidden sin isn't consequence-free. God sees all, and 'be sure your sin will find you out' (Numbers 32:23).

## Historical Context

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Ancient travel was slow and communication difficult. Long journeys meant extended absences without contact. This created opportunities for secret sin. Modern technology makes secrecy harder but doesn't eliminate temptation - we simply find new ways to hide. Private browsing, encrypted messages, alibis. But Hebrews 4:13 remains true: 'All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.'

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. What sins do you commit assuming no one will know or discover them?

2. How does recognition that God sees everything affect your evaluation of 'safe' sins?
3. What would change if you truly believed 'hidden' sins will eventually be exposed?

## Interlinear Text

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מְרֹחֵקָן בַּדְּ רָה בְּ לָה בְּגִבְעִית זָהָא יְשָׁא אַיִלְכִּי  
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H376 H1004 H1980 H1870 H7350

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 20:11** (Good): And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

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