

Proverbs 7:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

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. Vprivate 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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

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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H3588	H369	For the goodman	is not at home	he is gone	journey	a long
		H376	H1004	H1980	H1870	H7350

Additional Cross-References

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

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