

# Proverbs 7:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.

## Analysis

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He took a bag of money; he'll return on the appointed day. The Hebrew 'tserowr hakkeseph' (bundle of silver) indicates substantial funds for extended travel. The 'appointed day' ('yowm hakkese') is distant future. This verse reinforces v.19's assurance of safety through absence. Seduction often involves timing calculations - when's it safe to sin? But moral reality doesn't depend on human detection. God's omniscience makes all sin visible, all secret things known.

## Historical Context

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Ancient merchants carried silver for trade during travels. The substantial money bag indicated serious business requiring extended absence. The detail serves seduction's rhetoric: elaborate your safety, overcome your hesitation. Modern seduction similarly provides elaborate assurances: everyone does it, times have changed, it's private, it's harmless. Same ancient strategy, modern packaging.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What elaborate rationalizations or assurances are you constructing to justify contemplated sin?
2. How do timing calculations ('no one will know now') blind you to omniscient God's knowledge?
3. What would repentance look like from sins you've committed assuming safety in secrecy?

## Interlinear Text

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