

Proverbs 7:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:

Analysis

Sin's timing is strategic—'in the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night.' Darkness provides cover for deeds that cannot withstand light. Jesus declared Himself the light of the world (John 8:12), and John writes that those who practice evil hate the light (John 3:19-20). This verse reveals sin's furtive nature and our responsibility to walk in the light. Reformed theology emphasizes that the unregenerate naturally love darkness, while the regenerate are called to walk as children of light (Ephesians 5:8).

Historical Context

Ancient cities lacked street lighting, making nighttime movement dangerous and associated with criminal activity. The progression from twilight to deep darkness emphasizes increasing boldness in sin as conscience is progressively suppressed.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What areas of your life are you keeping in 'darkness' rather than bringing into God's light?

2. How does walking in community and accountability help you remain in the light?
3. In what ways does sin's secretive nature reveal its true character?

Interlinear Text

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In the twilight		in the evening	in the black	night	and dark
H5399	H6153	H3117	H380	H3915	H653

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