

Psalms 10:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

Analysis

Paul quotes this verse in Romans 3:14 as evidence of universal human depravity. The 'mouth full of cursing' reveals that speech flows from heart condition (Matthew 12:34). The Hebrew terms for 'oppression' and 'deceit' indicate violence cloaked in false words—a pattern seen throughout Scripture in false prophets and teachers.

Historical Context

Describes the speech patterns of unjust rulers and judges in ancient Israel who used their authority to oppress rather than protect.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does your speech reveal the condition of your heart?
2. In what ways do you guard against deception in your words?

Interlinear Text

אָל הַ	פִּי יְהוָה	מִלָּא	וּמִדַּעַת וְ	וְתִרְדָּ	תַּחַת	לְ שׁוֹן וְ
of cursing	His mouth	is full	and deceit	and fraud	H8478	under his tongue
H423	H6310	H4390	H4820	H8496		H3956
לְ עֵמֶל	וְאִוָּן:					
is mischief	and vanity					
H5999	H205					

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 7:14 (Sin): Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

Job 20:12 (Parallel theme): Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue;

Psalms 140:9 (Parallel theme): As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

Psalms 64:3 (Parallel theme): Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:

Psalms 59:12 (Sin): For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak.

Psalms 73:8 (Parallel theme): They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily.

Psalms 144:11 (Parallel theme): Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

Psalms 52:4 (Parallel theme): Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.

Psalms 140:3 (Parallel theme): They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.

Psalms 36:3 (Sin): The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

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