

# Psalms 41:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

## Analysis

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The hypocrisy of David's enemy is exposed: outwardly speaking 'vanity' (flattering words) while inwardly gathering 'iniquity' against him. The phrase 'when he goeth abroad, he telleth it' reveals the two-faced nature of the betrayer--friendly in person, slanderous behind David's back. This treachery wounds more deeply than open opposition.

## Historical Context

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The intimate betrayal described here foreshadows Judas's kiss in Gethsemane. Both David and Jesus experienced friends turned enemies, those who shared fellowship becoming instruments of destruction.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does hidden hostility disguised as friendship particularly wound us?

2. What protections exist against those who gather iniquity in their hearts while speaking smoothly?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאִם	בֹּא	לִרְאֹתוֹ	שְׁוֵא	יִדְבָּר:	לִבּוֹ	יִקְבֹּץ
H518	And if he come	to see	vanity	he telleth	his heart	gathereth
	H935	H7200	H7723	H1696	H3820	H6908
יְיָ	לִי	יֵצֵא	לְחַוֵּץ	יִדְבָּר:		
iniquity	H0	to itself when he goeth	abroad	he telleth		
H205		H3318	H2351	H1696		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 12:2** (Parallel theme): They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.