

# Psalms 50:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

## Analysis

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Speech sins: 'Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.' The organ used to recite God's law is also used for evil speech and crafted deception. 'Frameth' suggests deliberate, skilled construction of lies. The same mouth 'takes the covenant' and 'frames deceit.'

## Historical Context

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Hebrew wisdom consistently identified the tongue as a key indicator of the heart's condition. James 3 develops this theme extensively, noting the tongue's power for blessing or cursing.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How can the same mouth be used for worship and wickedness?
2. What does 'framing deceit' indicate about intentional deception?

## Interlinear Text

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thy mouth	Thou givest	to evil	and thy tongue	frameth	deceit
H6310	H7971	H7451	H3956	H6775	H4820

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 10:7** (Parallel theme): His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

**Revelation 21:8** (Parallel theme): But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.