

Psalms 59:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The enemies' sin 'of their mouth' and 'words of their lips' emphasizes verbal transgression. Being 'taken in their pride' shows that arrogance precedes judgment (Proverbs 16:18). 'Cursing and lying' identifies specific sins warranting God's capture of them, fulfilled when Saul's lies and curses against David resulted in his own downfall.

Historical Context

Saul's verbal sins included false accusations against David and curses on his own son Jonathan for defending David (1 Samuel 20:30-33). These sins 'took' Saul in that they hardened his heart and hastened his demise.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How do verbal sins—cursing, lying, pride—function as self-imposed traps?
2. What does being 'taken' in pride teach about sin's self-destructive nature?

Interlinear Text

חַטָּאת	פִּי יָמוֹ	דְּבַר	שִׁפְּתֵי יָמוֹ	וְיִלָּכְדוּ
For the sin	of their mouth	and the words	of their lips	let them even be taken
H2403	H6310	H1697	H8193	H3920
בְּגִאוֹןָם	וּמַעַל הַ	וּמִכַּחַשׁ	יִסְפְּרוּ:	
in their pride	and for cursing	and lying	which they speak	
H1347	H423	H3585	H5608	

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 12:13 (Sin): The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

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

Proverbs 18:7 (Parallel theme): A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

Hosea 4:2 (Parallel theme): By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

Psalms 10:2 (Parallel theme): The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.