

Introduction

Two Observations Regarding Royal Policy (25:2–5)

How should you behave in the presence of the king?

Thoughts on the Tongue

Don't be a nuisance.

Three General Proverbs

1. The False Witness

The Emblem

What is the sin?

1. The sin condemned is *bearing false witness against our neighbor*, either in judgment or in common conversation, contrary to the law of the ninth commandment.
2. What is here condemned is the mischievousness of it.
 - * it is in its power (false witness) to ruin not only...
 - * A false testimony is everything that is dangerous:
 - it is a maul
 - it is a sword to wound near at hand
 - it is a sharp arrow to wound at a distance

What is the point?

What is the implied admonition?

Don't be a false witness.

What should our prayer be?

2. Misplaced Confidence

Word Study

“confidence”

“unfaithful”

“trouble”

Grammatical Construction

This comparison may warn -

1. against the misplaced confidence of the faithless man.
2. against placing confidence in someone who is unreliable.

What is the implied admonition?

Trust in the Lord in the time of trouble.

3. Untimely Cheerfulness

*20 Like one who takes away a garment in cold weather,
And like vinegar on soda,
Is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.*

Here are two actions that generate negative reactions.

1. Taking away someone's garment in cold weather
2. Pouring vinegar on soda

The Warning

What is this verse saying?

What are we to do? What is the implied admonition?

Don't cheerfully sing to hurting people.

What should we do with what we know?

1. Don't be a false witness.
2. Trust in the Lord in time of trouble.
3. Don't cheerfully sing to hurting people.