

Subject study on “FALSE WITNESS” in the book of Proverbs.

I. Data Collection - Proverbs that relate to the topic of “false witness” or lying.

4:24 Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.

6:17-19 There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: . . .
a lying tongue, . . . a false witness who pours out lies. . .

12:17 A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies.

12:19 Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

12:22 The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.

13:5 The righteous hate what is false, but the wicked bring shame and disgrace.

14:5 A truthful witness does not deceive (lit. never lies), but a false witness pours out lies.

14:25 A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.

16:13 Kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value a man who speaks the truth.

17:4 A wicked man listens to evil lips; a liar pay attention to a malicious tongue.

19:5 A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free.

19:9 A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will perish.

21:28 A false witness will perish, and (lit. a man who listens will speak forever) NB. different than NIV

25:18 Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is the man who gives false testimony against his neighbor

II. Making some Categories. (E.g. Descriptive, Revealing outcomes, Exhortations, etc.)

III. Conclusions.

IV. Applications/Meditations