Doctrine of Characteristics of Lying Lips

1. Lying lips are full of deceit.
   
   - Proverbs 12:17 He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.

2. Lying lips speak words that wound.
   
   - Proverbs 12:18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

3. Lying lips are temporary, while truth is established forever.
   
   - Proverbs 12:19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

4. Lying lips express evil thoughts.
   
   - Proverbs 12:20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy.

5. Eventual ensnarement.
   
   - Proverbs 12:21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

6. Incurring of divine wrath.
   
   - Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight.

Kings of Italy and Bohemia both promised safe transport and safe custody to the great pre-Reformation Bohemian reformer, John Hus. Both, however, broke their promises, leading to Hus’s martyrdom in 1415. Earlier, Thomas Wentworth had carried a document signed by King Charles I which read, “Upon the word of a king you shall not suffer in life, honour, or fortune.” It was not long, however, before Wentworth’s death warrant was signed by the same monarch! (Today in the Word, April, 1989).