

The Trespass of the Wicked Man

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The trespass of the wicked man  
Most plainly testifies  
That fear of God's most holy name  
Is not before his eyes.

He cherishes the empty hope,  
Although his sin be great,  
It never shall be brought to light  
And viewed with righteous hate.

The words he utters with his mouth  
Are wickedness and lies;  
He keeps himself from doing good,  
And ceases to be wise.

While on his bed his thought he gives  
To planning wickedness;  
He sets himself in evil ways,  
He shuns not to transgress.