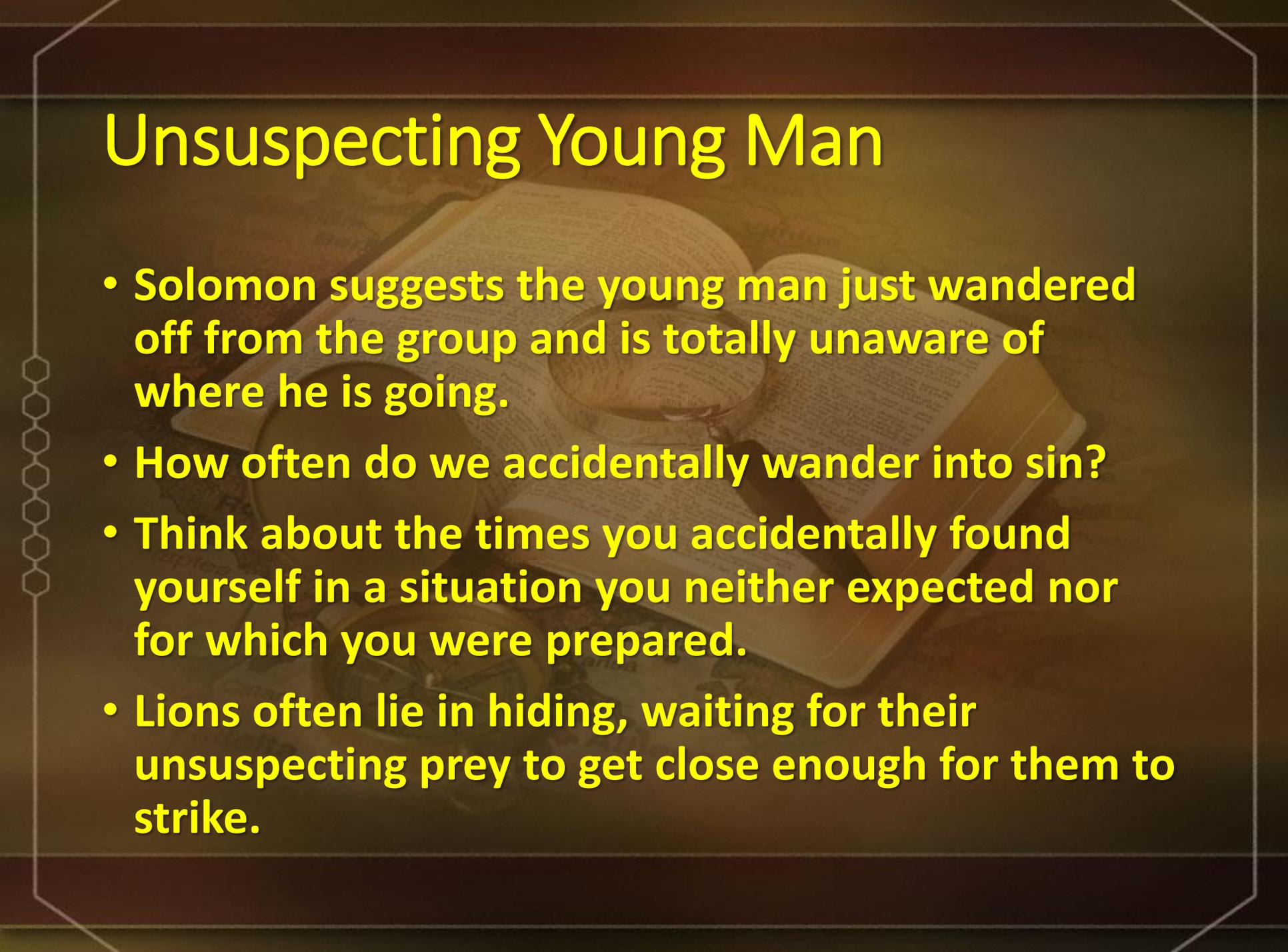


Like An Ox To The Slaughter

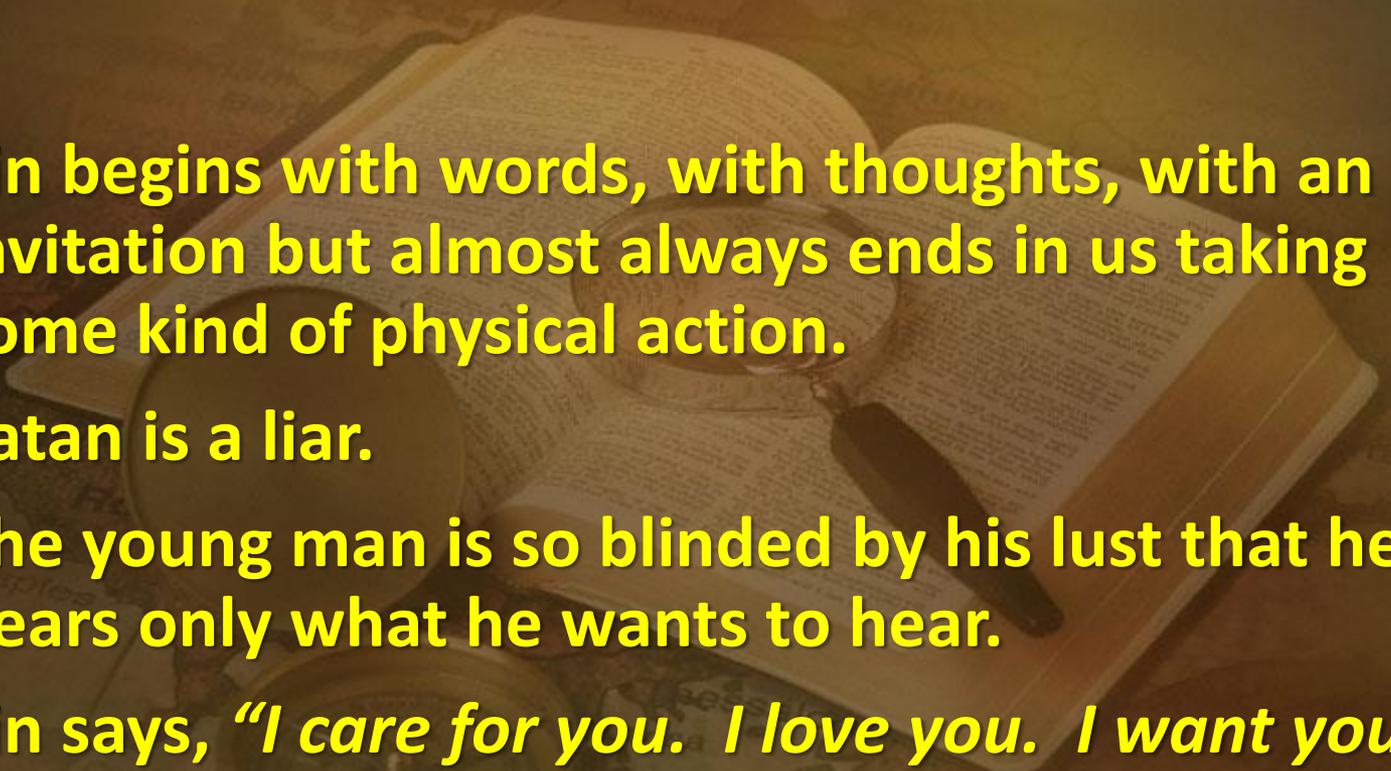
Proverbs 7:1-17, Exodus 26:31, Exodus 30:23-25, Exodus 30:31-33, 1 Kings 11:4-6, 1 Kings 11:11-13

Unsuspecting Young Man

The background of the slide features a dark, textured surface with a faint, repeating pattern of small, light-colored hexagons. In the center, there is a photograph of an open, aged book with yellowed pages. A magnifying glass with a wooden handle and a circular lens is positioned over the book, focusing on a specific area of the text. The overall lighting is dim, creating a scholarly and contemplative atmosphere.

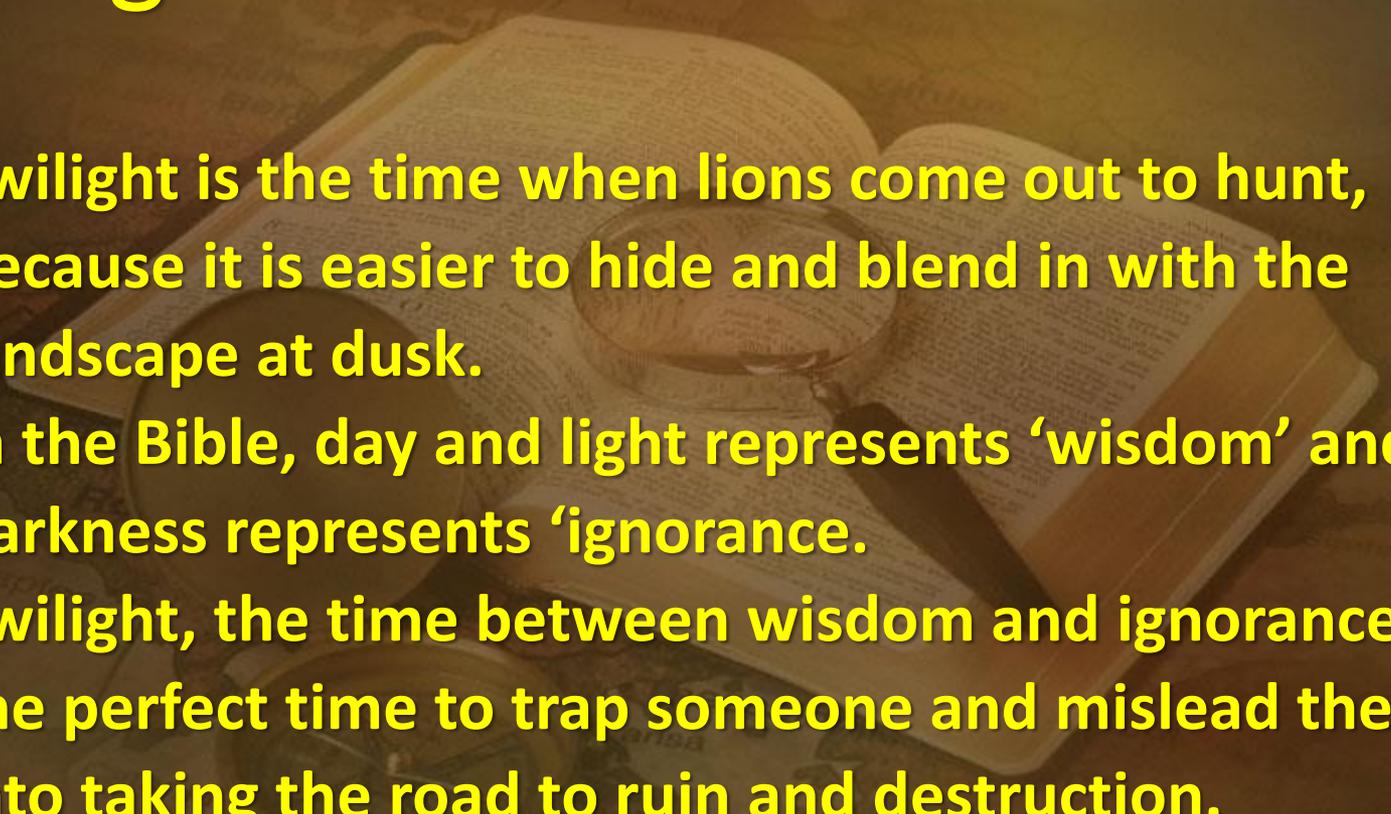
- Solomon suggests the young man just wandered off from the group and is totally unaware of where he is going.
- How often do we accidentally wander into sin?
- Think about the times you accidentally found yourself in a situation you neither expected nor for which you were prepared.
- Lions often lie in hiding, waiting for their unsuspecting prey to get close enough for them to strike.

Sin

An open book with a magnifying glass resting on it, symbolizing investigation or study. The background is a dark, textured surface with a faint grid pattern.

- Sin begins with words, with thoughts, with an invitation but almost always ends in us taking some kind of physical action.
- Satan is a liar.
- The young man is so blinded by his lust that he hears only what he wants to hear.
- Sin says, *“I care for you. I love you. I want you,”* when, in reality, sin only cares for itself.

Twilight

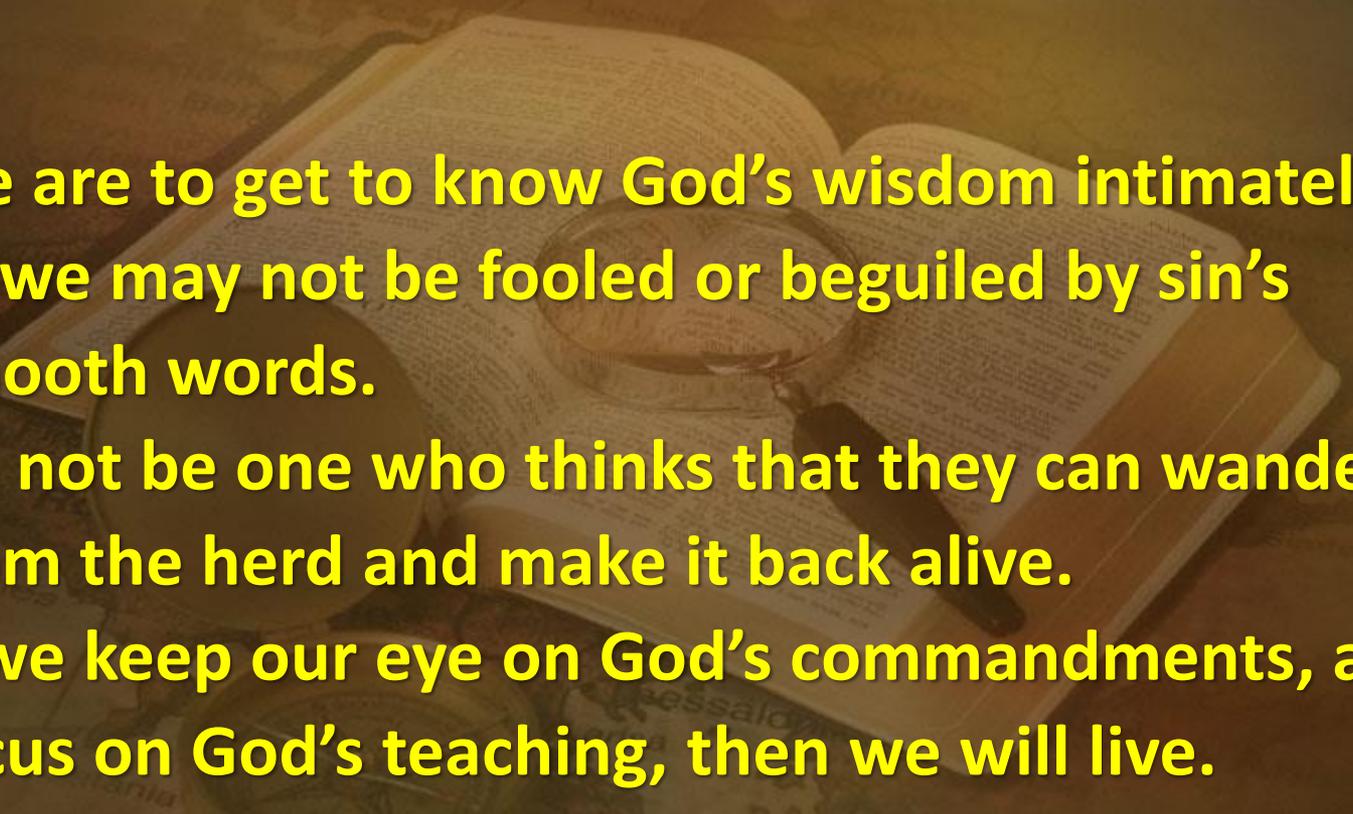
An open book with a magnifying glass resting on it, symbolizing study and wisdom. The book is open to a page with text, and the magnifying glass is positioned over the text. The background is a dark, textured surface.

- Twilight is the time when lions come out to hunt, because it is easier to hide and blend in with the landscape at dusk.
- In the Bible, day and light represents 'wisdom' and darkness represents 'ignorance.'
- Twilight, the time between wisdom and ignorance, is the perfect time to trap someone and mislead them into taking the road to ruin and destruction.
- You don't have to be a young person to find yourself in the vulnerable position of "twilight," between daylight and darkness.

Sin Disguised

- The mention of the expensive bedsheets and the perfume were meant to signify God's house.
- The entrance to the Holy of Holies was covered by a thick, gorgeous curtain of blue, purple, and crimson yarns and fine twisted linen.
- The perfume signified the smoke of the burnt offering which would rise up to Heaven that God could smell and know that His people were thinking of Him.
- The adulteress used these things to lure the young victim into her house, away from the house of the LORD, under the guise that everything was safe and sacred.
- Even Solomon failed to heed his own advice.

Conclusion



- We are to get to know God's wisdom intimately, so we may not be fooled or beguiled by sin's smooth words.
- Do not be one who thinks that they can wander from the herd and make it back alive.
- If we keep our eye on God's commandments, and focus on God's teaching, then we will live.
- We should see God's laws, God's commandments, God Word as though they were our best friends, holding them closer than a blood relative.