



Men's Round Table
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WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY
“A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel.” – Proverbs 1:5

WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY: Psychological & Emotional Consequences

We need help to make decisions about work; all relationships – in speech and conduct; who to trust or avoid; along with being measured by the plumbline of true character. Wisdom from Proverbs offers insight into the concrete experiences of human life that help us take charge of our lives. Proverbs is about **how to** live out your faith in God. There is no true wisdom apart from Jesus. Fools are those who rely on their own knowledge to navigate life. In this study, we will look and listen to hear God’s voice and see his Son shining through the book of Proverbs. We will be equipped in every way for our journey!

THE SECURITY OF GOD’S ORDER (vs INSECURITY)

– **Levitus 26: 15-36** → “,,and if you reject my decrees and

abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenants (my way, my truth, my life) then I will do this to you: I will bring on you **sudden terror (behalah), wasting diseases and fever (haš·ša·he·pēt) that will destroy your sight and sap your strength...** You will plant seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it....and you will flee even when no one is pursuing you... ‘As for those of you who are left, I will **will also bring despair (morek) into their hearts in the lands of their enemies** they will run as though fleeing from the sword, even though no one is pursuing them.”

Hasahepet - The indication is the diseased effect of the seed sown because what follows indicates bad seeds as in mildew or fungus causing wheat blast disease : "ye shall sow in vain"; but no doubt diseases of the body are intended!

Strong's Concordance

behalah: dismay, sudden terror or ruin
Original Word: בְּהִלָּה
Part of Speech: Noun Feminine
Transliteration: behalah
Phonetic Spelling: (beh-haw-law')
Definition: dismay, sudden terror or ruin

Englishman's Concordance

Leviticus 26:16
HEB: וְהִפְקַדְתִּי עֲלֵיכֶם בְּהִלָּה אֶת־הַשְּׁחִפֹּת
NAS: over *you a sudden terror*, consumption
KJV: this unto you; I will even appoint *over you terror*, consumption,
INT: will appoint over *A sudden* consumption and fever

Englishman's Concordance

mō·reḵ — 1 Occurrence

Leviticus 26:36
HEB: וְהָבִיאוּ מֵרֶחַק בְּלִבְבָם בְּאַרְצָתָם
NAS: I will also bring *weakness* into their hearts
KJV: [alive] of you I will send *a faintness* into their hearts
INT: may be left bring *weakness* their hearts the lands

THE SECURITY OF GOD’S ORDER – God is ORDER

- I Samuel 12:21→ *And do not turn aside to go after worthless things which do not profit and do not deliver, for they are worthless. Worthless* – Let’s consider one of the strangest and most difficult words in the Hebrew Scriptures. You might think you are quite familiar with this word. After all, it is found in one of the Bible’s most famous passages. It occurs in Genesis 1:2 – “and the earth was without form and void.” In Hebrew, this is *tohu wabohu*. *Tohu* occurs only 39 more times in Scripture. To this day, scholars are unable to clearly identify its etymology or exactly specify its meaning. But this much is clear. *Tohu* is antithetical to any living thing. healing in each of the areas that sin affects us. *Tohu* generally describes five related conditions. These are: trackless wasteland, desolation, lifelessness, futility and worthlessness. The common thread behind *tohu* seems to be a sphere that is alien to all life. It is an ominous, chaotic, desolate, dark, destructive opposition to created order. Consequently, it is filled with peril, menace and foreboding. It is the *negation* of God and His creation. If there were ever a word that described a place where life is sucked out of you, then *tohu* is that word. The opposite of *tohu* is not peace, prosperity, happiness or health. The opposite of *tohu* is God, for God is order, fulfillment, satisfaction, well-being and life itself.

ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. What part of your life is chaotic? Where do you need order to be re-established?
2. When have you experienced the natural consequence of your foolish decision?
3. How are you blessed by God and His wisdom?

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