

# Wisdom – Part 6

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# Proverbs: A STUDY IN WISDOM PART 6

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*(Repeated Alternation.)*

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		<b>B<sup>1</sup></b>   2. 16-22. The Foreign Woman.
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		<b>B<sup>2</sup></b>   5. 1-23. The Foreign Woman.
<b>A<sup>3</sup></b>		6. 1-23. Wisdom's Call.
		<b>B<sup>3</sup></b>   6. 24-35. The Foreign Woman.
<b>A<sup>4</sup></b>		7. 1-4. Wisdom's Call.
		<b>B<sup>4</sup></b>   7. 5-27. The Foreign Woman.
<b>A<sup>5</sup></b>		8. 1—9. 12. Wisdom's Call.
		<b>B<sup>5</sup></b>   9. 13-18. The Foolish Woman.

# Good doctrine

- KJV Prov. 4:2 For I give you **good doctrine**, forsake ye not my law.
- KJV 1 Tim. 4:6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of **good doctrine**, whereunto thou hast attained.

**10 my son.** See note on 1. 8.

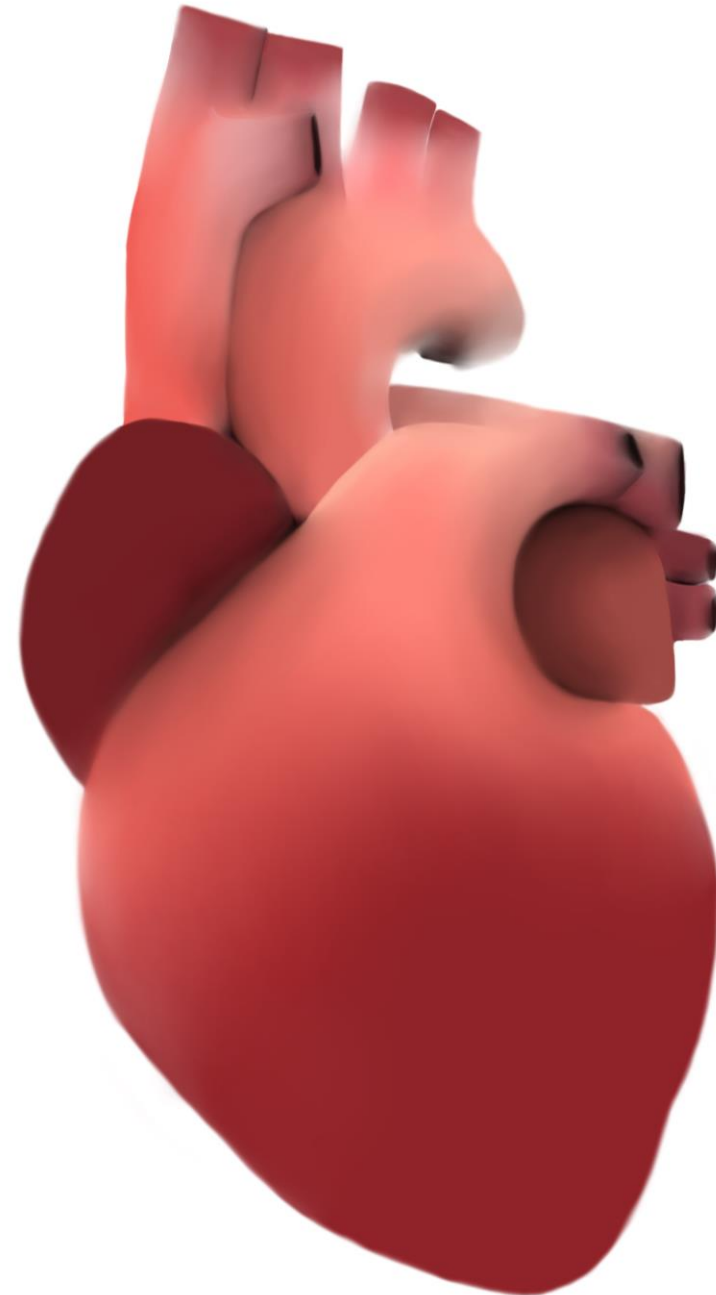
**sayings.** Heb. *'imrah*. See Ap. 73. v.

**the years of thy life shall be many** = [my sayings] shall grow greater [through] the years of thy life. The verb denotes increase of size, not merely numbers. See notes on 3. 2, 16; 10. 27. The verb here is masculine, but "years of life" is feminine. The verb therefore refers to "sayings".

# 4:20-23

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- 20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
- 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
- 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and **health to all their flesh**.<sup>1</sup>
- 23 **Keep thy heart** with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.<sup>1</sup>
- (Prov. 4:20-23 KJV)

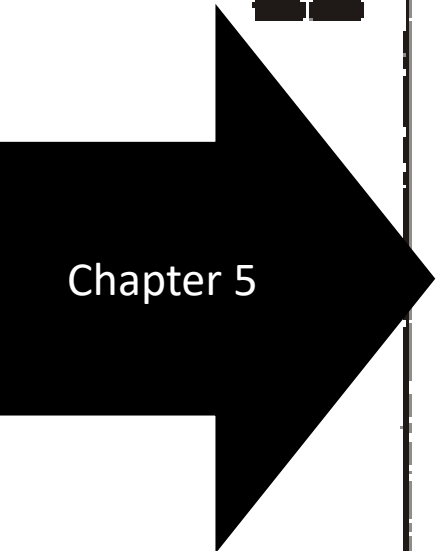




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# Progression

- 4.1-4 Instruction of a father, I was my father's son, Tender only beloved in the sight of my mother.
- 5. 1-2 Grown and now possibly influenced by the strange woman.
- Compare 6.20, 7.1

Strange, stranger = zur, nakar

**3 a strange woman.** Two words are used for “strange” and “stranger”: one, Heb. *zūr*, an apostate Israelite woman gone over to the idolatrous impurities of heathen religion; the other *nākar*, a purely foreign woman of a similar character. The danger is religious rather than moral. Hence here it is *zūr*. See note on 2.16.

**drop as an honeycomb = distil honey.** The invitations of religious idolatry suit the tastes of the natural man.

# nakar

Prov. 2:16; 5:10, 20; 6:24; 7:5; 20:16; 23:27;  
27:2, 13

# zur

Prov. 2:16; 5:3, 10, 17, 20; 6:1; 7:5; 11:15;  
14:10; 20:16; 22:14; 23:33; 27:2, 13

# Grave, Pit or Hell

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### "SHEŌL". HEBREW, SHEŌL.

The first occurrence of this word is in Gen. 37. 35, where it is rendered "grave". It occurs sixty-five times in the Hebrew of the Old Testament; and only by studying each passage by itself can the student hope to gather the *Biblical usage* of the word. All heathen or traditional usages are not only worthless, but mischievous. The following are all the passages where the word "Sheol" occurs, with the rendering in each passage indicated thus: 1=grave, 2=pit, 3=hell.

1. Gen. 37. 35.	3. Job 11. 8.	3. Ps. 16. 10.
1. " 42. 38.	1. " 14. 13.	3. " 18. 5.
1. " 44. 29, 31.	1. " 17. 13.	1. " 30. 3.
2. Num. 16. 30, 33.	2. " 17. 16.	1. " 31. 17.
3. Deut. 32. 22.	1. " 21. 13.	1. " 49. 14, 14, 15.
1. 1 Sam. 2. 6.	1. " 24. 19.	3. " 55. 15
3. 2 Sam. 22. 6.	3. " 26. 6.	(marg. <i>grave</i> ).
1. 1 Kings 2. 6, 9.	1. Ps. 6. 5.	
1. Job 7. 9.	3. " 9. 17.	

3. Ps. 86. 13	3. Prov. 23. 14.	1. Isa. 38. 18.
(marg. <i>grave</i> ).	3. " 27. 20.	3. " 57. 9.
1. " 88. 3.	1. " 30. 16.	1. Ezek. 31. 15.
1. " 89. 48.	1. Ecc. 9. 10.	3. " 31. 16, 17.
3. " 116. 3.	1. Song 8. 6.	3. " 32. 21, 27.
3. " 139. 8.	3. Isa. 5. 14.	1. Hos. 13. 14, 14.
1. " 141. 7.	3. " 14. 9	3. Amos 9. 2.
1. Prov. 1. 12.	(marg. <i>grave</i> ).	3. Jonah 2. 2
3. " 5. 5.	1. " 14. 11.	(marg. <i>grave</i> ).
3. " 7. 27.	3. " 14. 15.	3. Hab. 2. 5.
3. " 9. 18.	3. " 28. 15, 18.	
3. " 15. 11, 24.	1. " 38. 10.	

As meaning "THE grave," it is to be distinguished from *keber*, *A grave*, or, *burying-place* (from *kābar*, to bury, first occurrence Gen. 23. 4): and *bōr*, a *pit*, generally *hewn* in the rock, hence used of a cistern (Gen. 37. 20) or a dungeon, &c., when dry. (See note on the word "well" in Gen. 21. 19.)

# “Sheol” in Proverbs

KJV Prov. 1:12 Let us swallow them up alive as the **grave**; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:

KJV Prov. 5:5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on **hell**.

KJV Prov. 7:27 Her house is the way to **hell**, going down to the chambers of death.

KJV Prov. 9:18 But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of **hell**.

KJV Prov. 15:11 **Hell** and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

KJV Prov. 15:24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from **hell** beneath.

KJV Prov. 23:14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from **hell**.

KJV Prov. 27:20 **Hell** and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

KJV Prov. 30:16 **The grave**; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough.





David speaking

לֹא־תַעֲזֹב נַפְשִׁי לְשָׂאוֹל Ps. 16:10 WTT

8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.<sup>1</sup>

10 For thou wilt not leave **my soul** in **hell**; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. (Ps. 16:8-11 KJV)

שָׂאוֹל

Sheol

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover **also my flesh shall rest in hope**:

27 **Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

(Acts 2:25-27 KJV)

Hades



Prov. 5:9

KJV Leviticus 20:10 And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.  
(Lev. 20:10 KJV)