

## ~INSIGHT (231)

[Hebrew, *sa-khal'*, Greek, *sy-ni'e-mi*]

- Essentially, insight is the ability to see into a situation. To act with insight is to act with prudence, discretion. According to *Wilson's Old Testament Word Studies*, the Hebrew verb *sa-khal'* means to look at, to be prudent, circumspect, to act prudently, to be intelligent. [1978, p. 461] Thus, *sa-khal'* is rendered have insight.
- As for Yehowah, he has looked down from heaven itself upon the sons of men, to see whether there exists anyone having **insight**, anyone seeking Yehowah. (*Psalms 14:2*)
- **Act with discretion.**
- In the abundance of words there does not fail to be transgression, but the one keeping his lips in check is acting **discreetly**. (*Proverbs 10:19*)
- **Act prudently.**
- And David began going out. Wherever Saul would send him he would **act prudently**, so that Saul placed him over the men of war, and it seemed good in the eyes of all the people and also in the eyes of the servants of Saul. (*1 Samuel 18:5*)
- **Have success.**
- The gift is a stone winning favor in the eyes of its grand owner. Everywhere that he turns he **has success**. (*Proverbs 17:8*)
- **Cause to show insight.**
- The heart of the wise one **causes** his mouth to **show insight**, and to his lips it adds persuasiveness. (*Proverbs 16:23*)
- The Hebrew noun *se'khel* is translated **insight**.
- The fear of Yehowah is the beginning of wisdom. All those doing them have a good **insight**. His praise is standing forever. (*Psalms 111:10*)

- **Discretion**
- And the man's name was Nabal, and his wife's name was Abigail. And the wife was good in **discretion** and beautiful in form, but the husband was harsh and bad in his practices, and he was a Calebite. (**1 Samuel 25:3**)
- **Insight** is closely related to understanding, but there is a fine distinction between the two terms. Says the **Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament**: While *bin*, understanding, indicates distinguishing between, *sa-khal'* relates to an intelligent knowledge of the reason.
- There is the process of thinking through a complex arrangement of thoughts resulting in a wise dealing and use of good practical common sense. Another end result is the emphasis upon being successful. [Edited by R. L. Harris, 1980, Vol. 2, p. 877]

### See Also UNDERSTANDING

- In the Greek Scriptures, the Greek verb *sy-ni'e-mi* is translated **has insight** at;
- There is no one that **has** any **insight**, there is no one that seeks for God. (**Romans 3:11**)
- Where the apostle Paul quotes from;
- As for Yehowah, he has looked down from heaven itself upon the sons of men, to see whether there exists anyone **having insight**, anyone seeking Yehowah. (**Psalms 14:2**)
- **Sy-ni'e-mi** is also rendered **get the sense of**.
- This is why I speak to them by the use of illustrations, because, looking, they look in vain, and hearing, they hear in vain, neither do they get the sense of it. (**Matthew 13:13**)
- And toward them the prophecy of Isaiah is having fulfillment, which says, By hearing, you will hear but by no means get the sense of it. And, looking, you will look but by no means see. (**Matthew 13:14**)
- For the heart of this people has grown unreceptive, and with their ears they have heard without response, and they have shut

their eyes, that they might never see with their eyes and hear with their ears and get the sense of it with their hearts and turn back, and I heal them. (**Matthew 13:15**)

- **Grasp.**
- Then they **grasped** that he said to watch out, not for the leaven of the loaves, but for the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. (**Matthew 16:12**)
- **Understand.**
- Saying; Go to this people and say; By hearing, you will hear but by no means **understand**, and, looking, you will look but by no means see. (**Acts of Apostles 28:26**)
- **Perceive.**
- On this account cease becoming unreasonable, but go on **perceiving** what the will of Yehowah is. (**Ephesians 5:17**)
- Yehowah God gives **insight** to his servants by providing them with counsel and advice that they can use to direct their steps and control their actions.
- I shall make you have **insight** and instruct you in the way you should go. I will give advice with my eye upon you. (**Psalms 32:8**)
- And he proceeded to impart understanding and speak with me and say; O Daniel, now I have come forth to make you have **insight** with **understanding**. (**Daniel 9:22**)
- He provides such wise guidance by means of his Word. To gain **insight**, though, a person must do more than read the Bible. He must appreciate it so as to be motivated to do all that God directs.
- Only be courageous and very strong to take care to do according to all the Law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn aside from it to the right or to the left, in order, that you may act wisely everywhere you go. (**Joshua 1:7**)
- This book of the Law should not depart from your mouth, and you must in an undertone read in it day and night, in order, that

you may take care to do according to all that is written in it, for then you will make your way successful and then you will act wisely. (**Joshua 1:8**)

- And you must keep the obligation to Yehowah your God by walking in his ways, by keeping his statutes, his commandments and his judicial decisions and his testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, in order, that you may act prudently in everything that you do and everywhere that you turn. (**1 Kings 2:3**)
- Needed also is the help of God's spirit.
- And your **good spirit you gave to make them prudent**, and your manna you did not hold back from their mouth, and water you gave them for their thirst. (**Nehemiah 9:20**)
- Even the architectural plan of everything that had come to be with him by inspiration for the courtyards of Yehowah's house and for all the dining rooms all around, for the treasures of the house of the true God and for the treasures of the things made holy. (**1 Chronicles 28:12**)
- He gave **insight** for the entire thing in writing from the hand of Yehowah upon me, even for all the works of the architectural plan. (**1 Chronicles 28:19**)
- Once acquired, **insight** must be safeguarded. One can lose it by turning from God's ways.
- The utterance of transgression to the wicked one is in the midst of his heart, there is no dread of God in front of his eyes. (**Psalms 36:1**)
- For he has acted too smoothly to himself in his own eyes to find out his error so as to hate it. (**Psalms 36:2**)
- The words of his mouth are hurtfulness and deception, he has ceased to have **insight** for doing good. (**Psalms 36:3**)
- As for a man wandering from the way of **insight**, he will rest in the very congregation of those impotent in death. (**Proverbs 21:16**)

- **Insight** can be displayed in various ways, resulting in blessings both to the one who has it and to others. The psalmist pronounces happy the one, acting with **consideration**, with **insight**, toward the lowly one.
- Happy is anyone acting with **consideration** toward the lowly one, in the day of calamity Yehowah will provide escape for him. (**Psalms 41:1**)
- A wife who is **discreet**, showing **insight**, is described as a blessing from Yehowah.
- The inheritance from fathers is a house and wealth, but a **discreet** wife is from Yehowah. (**Proverbs 19:14**)
- **Insight**, looking beyond the obvious, enables one to guard his mouth.
- In the abundance of words there does not fail to be transgression, but the one keeping his lips in check is acting **discreetly**. (**Proverbs 10:19**)
- The heart of the wise one causes his mouth to show **insight**, and to his lips it adds persuasiveness. (**Proverbs 16:23**)
- To know when to keep silent.
- Therefore the very one having **insight** will in that time keep silent, for it will be a calamitous time. (**Amos 5:13**)
- It also helps one to avoid anger and overlook transgression.
- The **insight** of a man certainly slows down his anger, and it is beauty on his part to pass over transgression. (**Proverbs 19:11**)
- One who has **insight** accepts correction.
- And now, O kings, exercise **insight**, let yourselves be corrected, O judges of the earth. (**Psalms 2:10**)
- According to,
- By the laying of a fine on the ridiculer the inexperienced becomes wise, and by ones giving **insight** to a wise person he gets

knowledge. (**Proverbs 21:11**)

- When a wise person obtains **insight** that is, when he carefully considers available information and as a result acquires a clearer picture of a matter he gets knowledge, that is, he knows what to do regarding the matter, what conclusions to draw, what counsel to give.