

## Word Study in Proverbs – Fear; Simple

### A. Fear (14 times)

#### 1. Yarat adonai (Yahweh); fear of the LORD

Noun: (יִרְאַת יְהוָה) Note: fear as a noun never occurs except in this construction.

1:7 The *fear of the LORD* is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

1:29 Since they hated knowledge and did not choose to *fear the LORD*, 30 since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, 31 they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes

2:1 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, 3 and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 then you will understand the *fear of the LORD* and find the knowledge of God.

8:13 To *fear the LORD* is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.

9: 10 "The *fear of the LORD* is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

10: 27 The *fear of the LORD* adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.

14: 26 He who fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge. 27 The *fear of the LORD* is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.

15: 16 Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil.

15: 33 The *fear of the LORD* teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

16: 6 Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the *fear of the LORD* a man avoids evil.

19: 23 The *fear of the LORD* leads to life: Then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

22: 4 Humility and the *fear of the LORD* bring wealth and honor and life.

23: 17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the *fear of the LORD*.

Verb:

3: 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.

3: 25 Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, 26 for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared.

14: 16 A wise man fears the LORD and shuns evil, but a fool is hot headed and reckless.

24: 21 Fear the LORD and the king, my son, and do not join with the rebellious, 22 for those two will send sudden destruction upon them, and who knows what calamities they can bring?

31: When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

Noun-pahd<sup>o</sup>kem (פְּחַד־כֶּם)

1: 26(NAS) I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your *dread* (NIV calamity) comes, 27 When your *dread* comes like a storm...33 "But he who listens to me shall live securely And will be at ease from the *dread* of evil."

3: 25 Have no *fear* of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked

Verb-pahad (פָּחַד)

3: 24 when you lie down, you will not *be afraid*; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

8: 14 Blessed is the man who always *fears* the LORD, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.

### B. Simple – pethi (פְּתִי); 15 times

1:1 The proverbs of Solomon ...4 for giving prudence to the *simple*, knowledge and discretion to the young—

1: 22 "How long will you *simple* ones love your *simple* ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?

1: 32 For the waywardness of the *simple* will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them;

7: 7 I saw among the *simple*, I noticed among the young men, a youth who lacked judgment.

8: 5 You who are *simple*, gain prudence; you who are foolish, gain understanding.

9: 4 "Let all who are *simple* come in here!" she says to those who lack judgment. 5 "Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. 6 Leave your *simple* ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding.

9:16 "Let all who are *simple* come in here!" she says to those who lack judgment.

14: 15 A *simple* man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps. 16 A wise man fears the LORD and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless. 17 A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated. 18 The *simple* inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19: 25 Flog a mocker, and the *simple* will learn prudence; rebuke a discerning man, and he will gain knowledge.

21: 11 When a mocker is punished, the *simple* gain wisdom; when a wise man is instructed, he gets knowledge.

22: 3 A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the *simple* keep going and suffer for it.

27: 12 The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the *simple* keep going and suffer for it.