

In Ecclesiastes 10:8-9: What is King Solomon teaching us in these (4) proverbs? He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it.

There is a wrong reason to dig a pit (retribution or a trap), and there is a right (or non-mischievous) reason to dig a pit, but whatever the reason, now there is a pit, and there is the danger of someone falling into it.

I make the assumption here (with other supporting texts) that Solomon spoke of those that would trap or ensnare someone else in mischief to make them look bad or fall into sin, or for retribution and revenge, and in hatred toward them.

It ought to teach us how bad sinners and the wicked are, when we understand how badly Christians can behave!

Ephesians 4:31, Colossians 3:8, Romans 12:17-21, Hebrews 12:14

Be careful of those that will dig pits (in the world) for you to fall into, pits of sin to ruin your testimony and the Name of Christ. We must be so careful and trust ourselves to the Lord; but also we must be on our spiritual guard.

The Lord has MADE MANY to fall into pits that they dug for the righteous to fall into; who sought to ensnare and trap children of God, because of their hatred and malice toward Christ!

Esther 5:13-14, 7:10, 9:13-14, Daniel 6:23-24, Psalm 7:11-16, 9:15-16, 57:4-6, 119:85, 141:9-10

The scribes and Pharisees did this to the Lord Jesus; don't think that they won't try to "dig a pit" to entrap you!

Matthew 22:15-16, Mark 12:13, Luke 20:20-26, 11:53-54.

Remember the prayer of Psalmist from the perspective of a child of God, who had traps and snares and pits prepared and dug by his enemies that he might fall. *Psalm 35:1-9*

First: Beware of those that will dig a pit that you might fall; and then, don't break through God's hedge!

A hedge, in olden times was placed as a border or wall of protection by the owner in Israel, separating property lines/protecting his home/property. It was a lawful boundary, not to be encroached upon by any. Remember that God protected Israel! *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Remember that Job, his family, and all that he owned was hedged in and protected by God. In fact, when Satan came to present himself to the LORD; after God asked Satan if he had considered Job, that he was perfect and upright....Satan said, you've hedged him; I can't get to him! He is too well protected!

Job 1:10-12. Note that Satan (the serpent) was right on the other side of the hedge.

So God let Job have his family, and all of his stuff; God moved the hedge, but God did not move the hedge about the soul of Job. God would not move that hedge, and saint of God, God will not move His hedge about your soul!

But understand here that God places hedges of protections about you, saint of God, that YOU MUST NOT BREAK THROUGH!

God's hedge about you is made stronger as your faith in Christ grows stronger! The stronger your faith in the Person of Christ, the stronger and thicker the hedge of God's protection.

Now if God's moves your hedge of protection, (like He did in Job's case) it is for your good, and to discover and strengthen your faith in Christ; but don't you break through the hedge yourself!

Psalm 138:3, Ephesians 3:14-16, 6:10, Philippians 4:13, 1 Peter 5:10
Understand if you're lost, you have no hedge of protection! If you're saved, God's hedge of protection is in the Person of Christ and the Spirit of God within you, in His Word, in our secret prayers to your Father at His throne of grace! In His Church, and in the communion and fellowship with His saints!

But when you don't make use of the means of grace that God has provided for you Christian....God's hedge about you will be weakened.

And it won't be long that you will break the hedge and fall into sin; get bitten by the serpent!

Be careful of forcing your way through this hedge.