

# Job 18:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.

## Analysis

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'For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.' Bildad describes the wicked's self-destruction: 'cast into a net' (בְּרֶשֶׁת, bereshet) by his 'own feet' (בְּרַגְלָיו, beragleyv), walking into 'snare' (שְׁבַכָּה, sevakhah). The imagery: the wicked trap themselves. This reflects Proverbs 5:22, 11:5—sin's consequences are self-inflicted. The theology is sound: sin has natural consequences. Applied to Job, it's cruel—suggesting Job's suffering is self-inflicted punishment. This blames victims, assuming all calamity results from personal moral failure. Jesus explicitly rejects this (John 9:3). The Reformed doctrine of depravity and consequences applies generally but shouldn't be weaponized against individuals without evidence.

## Historical Context

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Ancient hunting used nets and snares. Bildad employs this imagery to argue the wicked engineer their own downfall through sin, a common wisdom theme he wrongly applies to Job.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

### Study Questions

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1. How do we affirm sin's natural consequences without blaming all sufferers for their pain?
2. What is the relationship between moral choices and life circumstances?

### Interlinear Text

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H3588	For he is cast	into a net	by his own feet	H5921	upon a snare	and he walketh
	H7971	H7568	H7272		H7639	H1980

### Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 9:15** (Parallel theme): The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

**Job 22:10** (Parallel theme): Therefore snares are round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee;

**Psalms 35:8** (Parallel theme): Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.