

Proverbs 9:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To call passengers who go right on their ways:

Analysis

Folly calls to passersby going straight on their way. The Hebrew 'qarah' (call) and 'yashar derakiym' (making straight their ways) describe her targets - those proceeding righteously. Folly doesn't only attract the obviously wayward but targets those walking rightly, attempting to divert them. Temptation often comes not when we're blatantly sinning but when we're faithfully proceeding. Spiritual warfare intensifies when we're walking well.

Historical Context

Throughout Scripture, greatest attacks often come amid faithful obedience. Jesus faced wilderness temptation immediately after baptism (Matthew 4:1-11). Peter's denial came after confident declaration of loyalty (Luke 22:31-34). Paul's thorn in flesh accompanied 'abundance of revelations' (2 Corinthians 12:7). Expect intensified spiritual assault when walking faithfully. First Peter 5:8 warns: 'Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.'

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How do you experience intensified temptation when walking faithfully?
2. What folly is calling to you despite your straight path, and how do you resist?
3. How can awareness that temptation targets the faithful help you persevere when attacked?

Interlinear Text

אֶלְקָרָא	לְעֹבְרֵי	יָד רָגֵל	הַ, מִיָּשָׁר יֵם	אֶרְחוֹתָם:
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