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Lesson 6 **October 31-November 6*

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Literary Sources

]]> God is the source of all truth.

"And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yet, **he pondered and sought out** and **set in order many**

proverbs. The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright—words of truth" *(Eccles. 12:9, 10, NKJV)*.

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This passage can be read to show that Solomon did not originate all the proverbs that he recorded. **Under the inspiration of God**, he "sought out" many sayings and searched to find "acceptable words." In fact, the oft-quoted description of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31 is attributed to the mother of an otherwise unknown King Lemuel, not Solomon *(Prov. 31:1)*. Evidence points to the influence of Egyptian literature on the Proverbs as well.

Sought out châqar khaw-kar': **search out, examine, investigate, lt can refer to initial phases of a search or the end result, but always connotes a diligent, difficult probing.**

Sought out H2713 (Brown-Driver-Briggs) חקר châqar BDB Definition:
1) to search, search for, search out, examine, investigate
1a) (Qal)
1a1) to search (for)
1a2) to search through, explore
1a3) to examine thoroughly
1b) (Niphal)
1b1) to be searched out, be found out, be ascertained, be examined
1c) (Piel) to search out, seek out
Part of Speech: verb
A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: a primitive root

Sought out H2713 (Strong) חָקַר châqar khaw-kar'
A primitive root; properly to *penetrate*; hence to *examine* intimately: - find out, (make) search (out), seek (out), sound, try.

From: theological word book of the Old Testament, P. 318

hä*qar* is used primarily in the Qal stem, but also four times in the Niphal, and once in the Piel (Eccl 12:9). **It can refer to initial phases of a search or the end result, but always connotes a diligent, difficult probing.** Theological word book of the Old Testament, Harris Archer Waltke by Moody press

]]> the use of literary resources is directed by God, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit

To the law and to the testimony
Isaiah 8:20 20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them.

precept *must be* upon precept
Isaiah 28:9 9 "Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom **will he** make to understand the message? Those *just* weaned from milk? Those *just* drawn from the breasts?
10 For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little."

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Similarly, the inspired historians of the Old Testament tell us that they referenced archives and other historical annals to narrate faithfully the story of God's people.

]]> we must understand that God has been involved in the preservation of the holy Scriptures in such a way, so that He has not allowed anything that contradicts with what the Lord has allowed to be in the scriptures. In other words, the inclusion in the Bible of thoughts, historical records, or information has been guided by the Lord.

in whom are hidden all the treasures
Colossians 2:1-3 1 For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh,
2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to **the knowledge of the mystery of God**, both of the Father and of Christ,

3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Read 1 Kings 11:41; Luke 1:1-4; and Jude 14, 15. What do these verses tell us about how the inspired writers at times used non-biblical sources?

Do Not Use
REF:>> **1 Kings 11:41** Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order
Luke 1:1-4 1 Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us,
2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us,
3 it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus,
4 that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.

REF:>> **Jude 1:14-15 14** Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,
15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

the Lord has need of it.
Mark 11:1-3 **1**Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples;
2 and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring *it*.
3 And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here."

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Ezra and Nehemiah are other examples of Bible writers who relied upon historical records to document their accounts. Ezra includes copies of letters and

royal decrees regarding Jerusalem and Persia *(see Ezra 4–7)*, and Nehemiah tells us about genealogical registries that he found and incorporated into his narrative *(see Neh. 7:5-72)*.

This principle appears in the New Testament as well. "It is clear from Luke's experience that Inspiration functions in a manner consistent with the natural operation of the mental faculties and does not set them aside. Here is an inspired writer who was led by the Holy Spirit to give diligent study to the available oral and written source materials on the life of Christ, and then to combine into a connected narrative the information thus gathered."—*The SDA Bible Commentary*, vol. 5, p. 669.

Jude seems to be quoting from 1 Enoch 1:9—a non-canonical, intertestamental Jewish work. Without mentioning their names, Paul also quoted from Greek philosophers *(see Acts 17:28 and Titus 1:12)*.

Though the biblical writers were often guided by direct revelation through visions and dreams, this did not exclude the Holy Spirit from also inspiring these messengers to select material from other sources. Why is this an important concept for us to remember?

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

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Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

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Suffer not yourselves to open the lids of a book that is questionable. There is a hellish fascination in the literature of Satan. It is the powerful battery by which he tears down a simple religious faith. Never feel that you are strong enough to read infidel books; for they contain a poison like that of asps. They can do you no good, and will assuredly do you harm. In reading them, you are inhaling the miasmas of hell. They will be to your soul like a corrupt stream of water, defiling the mind, keeping it in the mazes of skepticism, and making it earthly and sensual. These books are written by men whom Satan employs as his agents; and by this means he designs to confuse the mind, withdraw the affections from God, and rob your Creator of the reverence and gratitude which his works demand. YI September 10, 1884, par. 6

The mind needs to be trained, and its desires controlled and brought into subjection to the will of God. YI September 10, 1884, par. 7