

The Spider and the Man

*Prov 30:24 There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: 25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; :26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; 27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; 28 **The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.***

In [Pro 30:28](#) a different Hebrew word (semamith*) is used. It is rendered in the Vulgate by *stellio*, and in the Revised Version by "lizard." It may, however, represent the spider, of which there are, it is said, about seven hundred species in Palestine. Probably from Hebrew word "shaw-mame" (in the sense of poisoning); a lizard (from the superstition of its noxiousness) generally rendered spider.

→ * **Semamith** (*see-maw-meeth*) is probably derived from the Hebrew word

A primitive root that means 'to *stun* (or intransitively *grow numb*), that is, *devastate* or (figuratively) *stupefy* (both usually in a passive sense) to make desolate, to become destitute, destroy (self), (lay, lie, make) waste, wonder.

→ **All of these descriptions relate the power of poisonous venom utilized by the spider to inundate his victim!**

★ **Notice** that the writer describes where the spider can be found...even in the palace!

→ **The point is:** The web of the spider is found *everywhere, EVEN in the palace!*

→ *The grasp of the Arachnid is not limited to the uneducated and the impoverished, but ALL are subject to her presence and possible capture!*

While on my patio the other day, I sat and watched a spider at work securing and preparing an ant (another of God's wise creations of all things) and it dawned on me that the devil follows a line of action/reaction very similar to that of a spider!

The Way of the Spider is likened unto the manner in which satan seeks to gather his prey, something that maybe we need to examine and learn from!

2 Cor 2:11 Relates that we are to be wise to the cunning deceitfulness of the enemy "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

1 Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

How does the Spider catch her prey?

Spins a web ...lays a trap

→ A gossamer web veiling danger

Pro 30:28 - The spider taketh hold with her hands,.... On the thread she spins, or on the flies and bees she catches in her web. This is a small creature, yet very wise; what a curious thread does she spin! What a fine web does she weave! With what exactness and proportion is it framed! As if she understood the rules of mathematics and architecture;

Stings her victim...injects a poison

→ Numbs its prey into a conscious coma

Stores her supper...wraps up the meal to consume at another time

→ What takes place today won't be enjoyed until later

As I mentioned before, the victim of the entrapment was an ant, mentioned in our opening text and throughout the Word of God as being wise, industrious and so forth, yet it was **this insect** that was lured and lashed as it languished near the web!

→ **Samson was an ant that was caught as he languished near the net!**

Delilah (*whose name means 'languishing' which means: to pine away, to decay, to rot, to stay somewhere wasting your time away*)

Samson was trapped in the web of a female spider (who carry more poison – it is a “black widow” not a “black widower”)

→ She tricked him, trapped him and tormented him!

→ Why? – to steal his strength from him

→ satan would want nothing more than to steal your strength, take away your liberties and your freedom and cause you to become a ‘*lunch waiting to happen*’

→ We must live ‘heads up’ so as to avoid the conflicts and confinements of life in his web!

→ **Given half a chance, the devil will ensnare you in order to eat you alive!**

❖ **What must we do to steer clear of ‘acrana-capture’?**

- **Watch for Webs!**

→ *Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*

- **Stay away from the Stinger!**

→ *Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,*

- **Don't lay around and become lunch...launch out into strong living free from the web!**

→ *2 Co 6:14-18 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? (15) And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? (16) And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (17) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, (18) And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*