

# TORAH TEACHINGS



Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes

**# 22 Vayakhel (וַיַּקְהֵל) –  
Hebrew for “and he  
assembled,”**

**Torah: Exodus 35:1-38:20**  
**Haftarah: I Kings 7:51-8:21**



# TOPICS IN THE PARSHA

## THIS WEEKS TORAH PARASHAT

Moses assembles the people of Israel and reiterates to them the commandment to observe the Shabbat. He then conveys Elohim's instructions regarding the making of the Mishkan (Tabernacle).



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The people donate with unified “willing hearts” the required materials in bringing gold, silver and copper; blue-, purple- and red-dyed wool; goat hair, spun linen, animal skins, wood, olive oil, herbs and precious stones... so giving were their willing hearts that Elohim mentions it four times like a proud father and Moses has to tell them to stop giving!



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A team of wise-hearted artisans make the Mishkan and its furnishings (as detailed in the previous Torah readings of Terumah, Tetzaveh and Ki Tisa): three layers of roof coverings; 48 gold-plated wall panels, and 100 silver foundation sockets; the parochet (veil) that separates between the Sanctuary's two chambers, and the masach (screen) that fronts it; the Ark and its cover with the Cherubim; the table and its showbread;



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the seven-branched menorah with its specially prepared oil; the golden altar and the incense burned on it; the anointing oil; the outdoor altar for burnt offerings and all its implements; the hangings, posts and foundation sockets for the courtyard; and the basin and its pedestal, made out of copper mirrors.

# Sabbath Regulations

**Exo 35:1** And Mosheh assembled all the congregation of the children of Yisra'el, and said to them, “These are the Words which יהוה has commanded you to do:

**Exo 35:2** “Work is done for six days, but on the seventh day it shall be set-apart to you, a Sabbath of rest to יהוה. Anyone doing work on it is put to death.

**Exo 35:3** “Do not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the Sabbath day.”



# CHAPTER 36

Exo 36:1 “And Betsal’ěl and Oholiab, and every wise-hearted man in whom יהוה has given wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all work for the service of the set-apart place, shall do according to all that יהוה has commanded.”

Exo 36:2 And Mosheh called Betsal’ěl and Oholiab, and every wise-hearted man in whose heart יהוה had given wisdom, everyone whose heart lifted him up, to come and do the work.



**Exo 36:3** And they received from Mosheh all the contribution which the children of Yisra'el had brought for the work of the service of making the set-apart place. But they still brought to him voluntary offerings every morning,

**Exo 36:4** so all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the set-apart place came, each from the work he was doing,

**Exo 36:5** and they spoke to Mosheh, saying, “The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which יהוה commanded us to do.”

**Exo 36:6** Then Mosheh commanded and they sent this word throughout the camp, saying, “Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the contribution of the set-apart place.” And the people were withheld from bringing,



**Exo 36:7** for what they had was enough for all the work to be done, more than enough.

**Exo 36:8** Then all the wise-hearted ones among them who worked on the Dwelling Place made ten curtains woven of fine linen and blue and purple and scarlet material. They made them with kerubim, the work of a skilled workman.

**Exo 36:9** The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits, all the curtains having one measure.

**Exo 36:10** And he joined five curtains, one to another; and the other five curtains he joined, one to another.

**Exo 36:11** And he made loops of blue on the edge of the end curtain of one set, the same he did on the edge of the end curtain of the other set.

**Exo 36:12** Fifty loops he made on one curtain, and fifty loops he made on the edge of the end curtain of the second set; the loops held one curtain to another.



**Exo 36:13** And he made fifty hooks of gold, and joined the curtains to each other with the hooks, and the Dwelling Place became one.

**Exo 36:14** And he made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the Dwelling Place, he made eleven curtains.

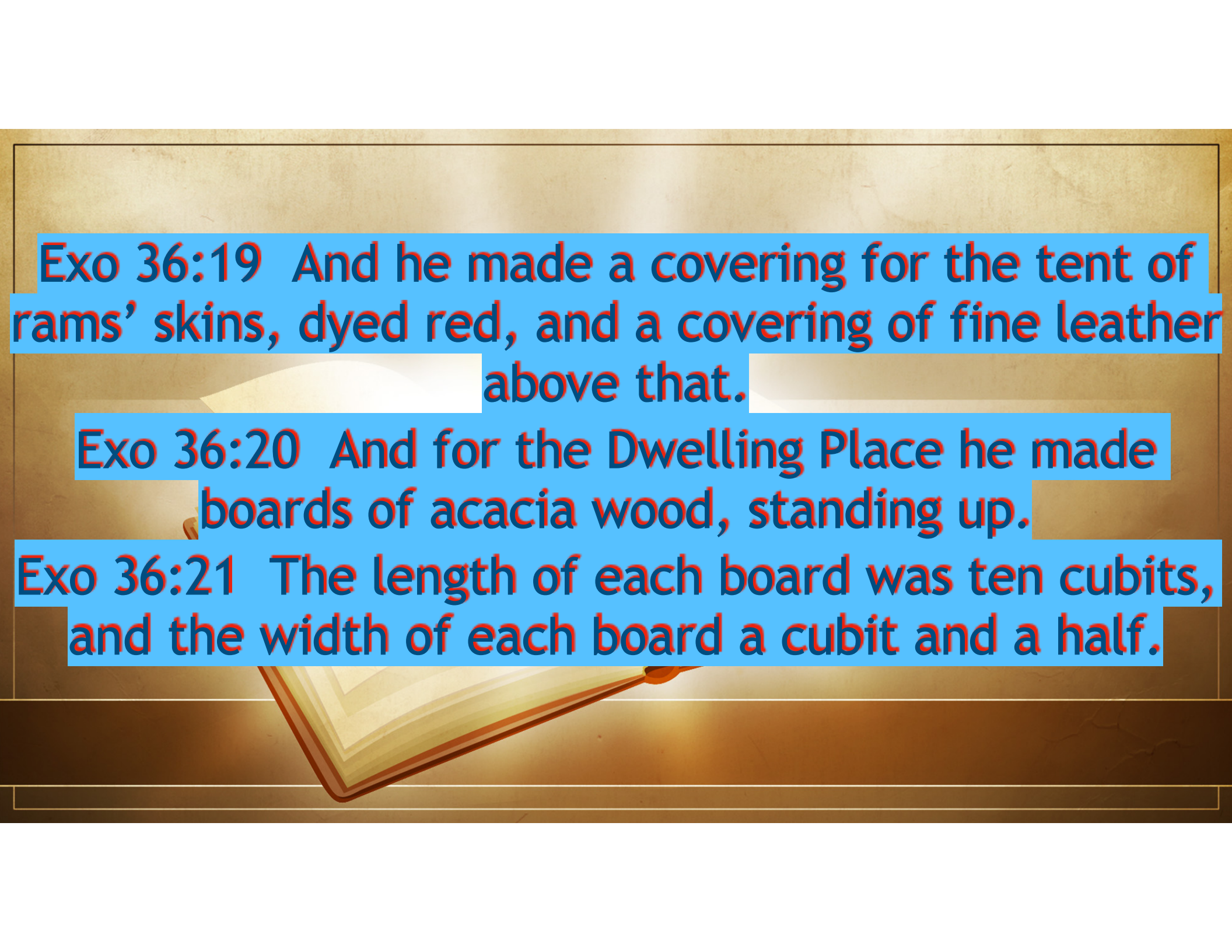
**Exo 36:15** The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits, the eleven curtains having one measure.

**Exo 36:16** And he joined five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves.

**Exo 36:17** And he made fifty loops on the edge of the end curtain in one set, and fifty loops he made on the edge of the curtain of the second set.

**Exo 36:18** And he made fifty bronze hooks to join the tent, to be one.





**Exo 36:19** And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins, dyed red, and a covering of fine leather above that.

**Exo 36:20** And for the Dwelling Place he made boards of acacia wood, standing up.

**Exo 36:21** The length of each board was ten cubits, and the width of each board a cubit and a half.

**Exo 36:22** Each board had two tenons for binding one to another. So he did to all the boards of the Dwelling Place.

**Exo 36:23** And he made boards for the Dwelling Place, twenty boards for the south side.

**Exo 36:24** And he made forty sockets of silver to go under the twenty boards, and two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.



**Exo 36:25** And for the other side of the Dwelling Place, for the north side, he made twenty boards,

**Exo 36:26** and their forty sockets of silver, two sockets under the one board, and two sockets under the other board.

**Exo 36:27** And he made six boards for the west side of the Dwelling Place.

**Exo 36:28** And he made two boards for the two back corners of the Dwelling Place.

**Exo 36:29** And they were double beneath, and similarly they were complete to the top by one ring. So he did to both of them for the two corners.

**Exo 36:30** And there were eight boards, and their silver sockets, sixteen sockets, two sockets under each of the boards.



**Exo 36:31** And he made bars of acacia wood, five for the boards on one side of the Dwelling Place,

**Exo 36:32** and five bars for the boards on the other side of the Dwelling Place, and five bars for the boards of the Dwelling Place at the rear, westward.

**Exo 36:33** And he made the middle bar to pass through the boards from one end to the other.

**Exo 36:34** And he overlaid the boards with gold, and their rings he made of gold to be holders for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

**Exo 36:35** And he made a veil of blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine worked linen. It was made with kerubim, the work of a skilled workman.

**Exo 36:36** And he made four columns of acacia wood for it, and overlaid them with gold, with their hooks of gold. And he cast four sockets of silver for them.



**Exo 36:37** And he made a covering for the Tent door of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine woven linen, made by a weaver,

**Exo 36:38** and its five columns with their hooks.

And he overlaid their tops and their rings with gold, but their five sockets were of bronze.



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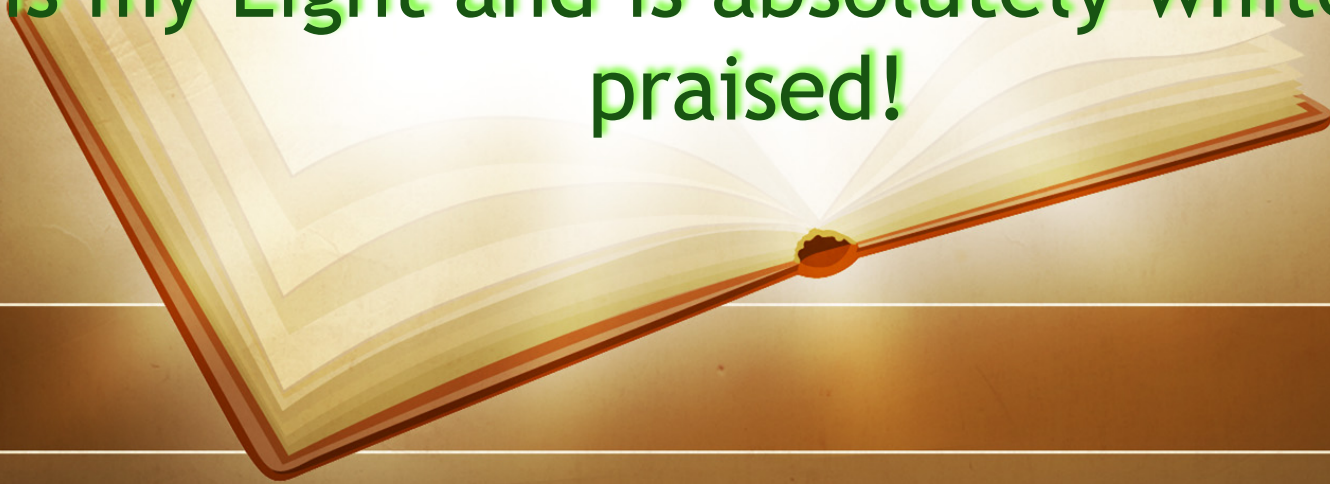
Betsal'ěl and Oholiab and every wise-hearted man did the work completely and correctly. Betsal'ěl (bets-al-ale')- בֶּצַלְאֵל Strong's H1212 - his name means **'in the shadow/protection of El'**.

He was the son of אֲוִרִי Uriy (oo-ree')- Strong's H221 which means **'fiery, or my light'**; son of חֹר Hur (khood)- Strong's H2353 meaning **'white or absolutely white'**.

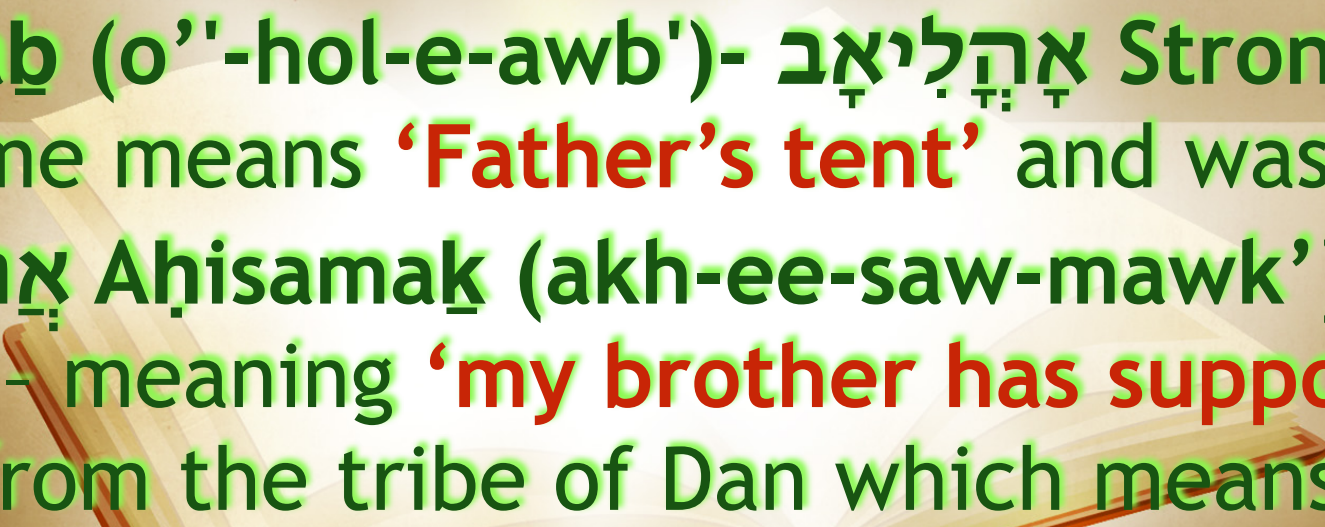
He was from Yehudah which means **'praised'**.



So, the first one called by name, was  
metaphorically: the one who is in the shadow of El,  
who is my Light and is absolutely white is to be  
praised!



**Oholiab** (o'-hol-e-awb')- אֹהֵלִיאָב Strong's H171 - his name means **'Father's tent'** and was the son of אֲחִיסָמָךְ **Ahisamak** (akh-ee-saw-mawk')- Strong's H294 - meaning **'my brother has supported'** and was from the tribe of Dan which means **'judge'**.





What strikes me here, is that we see the term  
'whom יהוה has given'.

There is no institution that can give what יהוה  
can!!!

Mishlĕ/Proverbs 24:3-4 "By wisdom a house is built,  
and by understanding it is established; 4 and by  
knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious  
and pleasant riches."

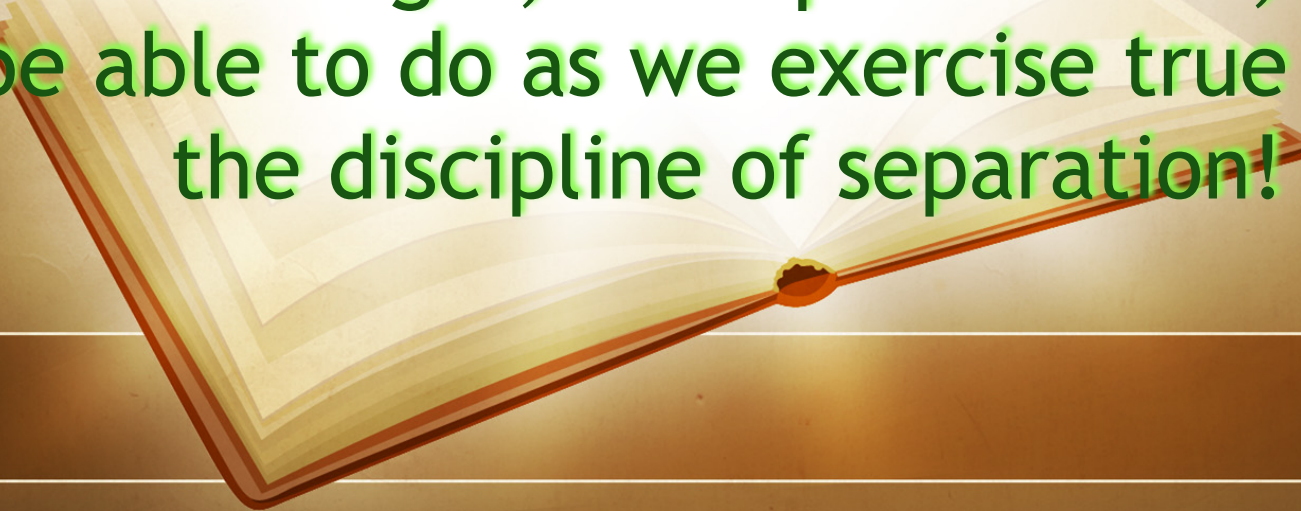
Only by 'wisdom' is a house built - and the 'House  
of Elohim' is only built by His Wisdom - the wisdom  
that we are to seek out!!!

## Wisdom

In Hebrew, this is the word חִכְמָה ḥokmah (khok-maw')- Strong's H2451 which means, 'wisdom, skill' and is from the primitive root word חָכַם ḥakam (khaw-kam')- Strong's H2449 meaning, 'to be wise, skilful, make wise', as already discussed above.



Wisdom, at its core, speaks of one's ability to clearly separate the good from the bad, right and wrong, left and right, and up and down; and this we are to be able to do as we exercise true discipline - the discipline of separation!

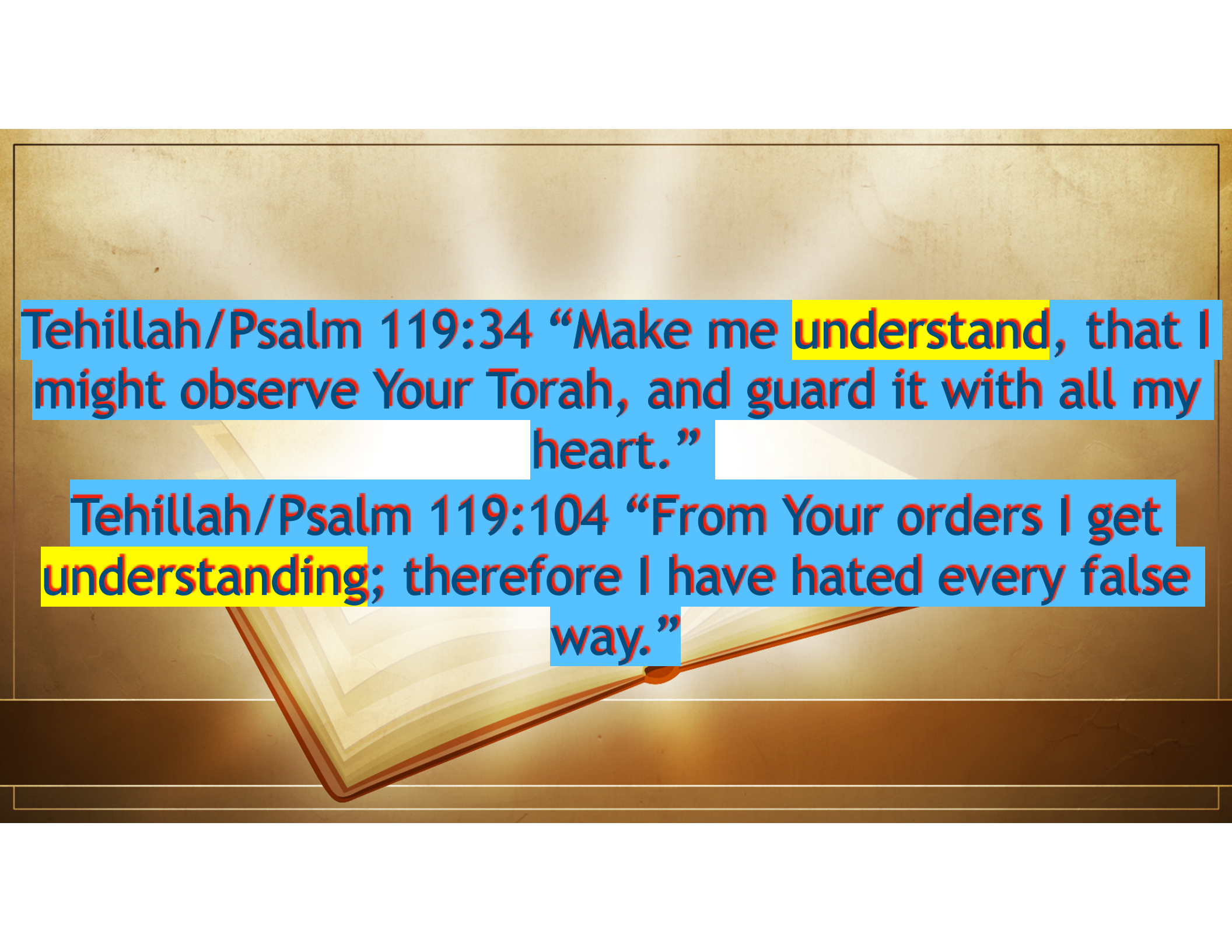




## Understanding

In Hebrew, this is the word בִּינָה biynah (bee-naw')- Strong's H998 which means, 'an understanding, consideration, discernment' and comes from the primitive root word בִּין bin (bene)- Strong's H995 which means, 'to discern, act wisely, clever, diligently consider', and is used in:





Tehillah/Psalm 119:34 “Make me understand, that I might observe Your Torah, and guard it with all my heart.”

Tehillah/Psalm 119:104 “From Your orders I get understanding; therefore I have hated every false way.”

Mishlě/Proverbs 2:4-5 “If you seek her as silver, And search for her as hidden treasures, 5 then you would understand the fear of יהוה, and find the knowledge of Elohim.”

Mishlě/Proverbs 9:10 “The fear of יהוה is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Set-apart One is understanding.”