

Proverbs 3:5

***Trust in the LORD with all
your heart and lean not on
your own understanding***



**70 Types of People in
Proverbs Expressed by
Solomon**

This Outline Gives Insights about:

A Whisperer & Talebearer

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70 TYPES OF PEOPLE IN PROVERBS EXPRESSED BY SOLOMON

1. Simple Person
2. Wise Person
3. Man of Understanding
4. Fool
5. Innocent
6. Scornor
7. Evil Person
8. Froward Person
9. Wicked
10. Strange Woman
11. Upright
12. Transgressor
13. Cruel Person
14. Sluggard
15. Naughty Person
16. False Witness
17. Whorish woman
18. Adulteress
19. Thief
20. Harlot
21. Poor Person
22. Diligent Person
23. Rich Person
24. Unjust
25. Hypocrite
26. **TALEBEARER**
27. Faithful Person
28. Gracious Person
29. Brutish Person
30. Virtuous Person
31. Perverse Person
32. Vain Person
33. Prudent Person
34. Slothful Person
35. Backslider
36. Angry Person
37. Deceiver
38. Hasty of Spirit
39. Envious Person
40. Wrathful Person
41. Proud Person
42. Pure Person
43. Prideful Person
44. Haughty Person
45. Humble Person
46. Lowly Person
47. **WHISPERER**
48. Violent Person
49. Liar
50. Waster
51. Brother
52. Ungodly
53. Mocker
54. Brawling Woman
55. Contentious Person
56. Furious Person
57. Riotous Eaters of Flesh
58. Drunkard
59. Glutton
60. Mischievous Person
61. Reprover
62. Unfaithful Person
63. Backbiter
64. Conceited Person
65. Flatterer
66. Destroyer
67. Bloodthirsty
68. Odious Woman
69. Greedy Person
70. Borrower, Buyer, Lender

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Each study for the 70 types of people presented in “Solomon” has a corresponding short verbal introduction page. Likewise a full **Hebrew** and **Greek** study will follow.

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Psalms 31:13

For I have heard ***the slander of*** many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

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All that hate me *whisper* together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

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Proverbs 18:8

The words of *a talebearer* are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. (marginal whisperer).

Proverbs 20:19

He that goeth about as *a talebearer* revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

Proverbs 21:4

An high look, and a proud heart, **and the *plowing* of the wicked, is sin.**

Proverbs 25:10

Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and *thine infamy* turn not away.

Proverbs 26:20

Where **no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is *no talebearer*, the strife ceaseth.** (Marginal id)

Proverbs 26:22

The words of *a talebearer* are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

Jeremiah 6:28

They are all grievous revolters, **walking with *slanders***: they are brass and iron; **they are all corrupters.**

Romans 1:29 - 30

Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; ***whisperers*, 30 *Backbiters*, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,**

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Lachash	law-khash'	to whisper; by implication, to mumble a spell (as a magician): KJV - charmer, whisper (together)	5
rakiyl	raw-keel'	rakiyl (raw-keel'); a scandal-monger (as travelling about) KJV - slander, carry tales, talebearer	6
nirgan	neer-gawn'	nirgan (neer-gawn'); from an unused root meaning to roll to pieces; a slanderer: KJV - talebearer, whisperer.	8
tsaphaph	tsaw-faf'	to coo or chirp (as a bird): KJV - chatter, peep, whisper.	9
halak	haw-lak'	to walk (in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively): KJV - (all) along, apace, behave (self), come, (on) continually, be conversant, depart, + be eased, enter, exercise (self), + follow, forth, forward, get, go (about, abroad, along, away, forward, on, out, up and down), + greater, grow, be wont to haunt, lead, march, X more and more, move (self), needs, on, pass (away), be at the point, quite, run (along), + send, speedily, spread, still, surely, + tale-bearer, + travel (-ler), walk (abroad, on, to and fro, up and down, to places), wander, wax, [way-] faring man, X be weak, whirl.	10
dibbah	dib-baw'	(in the sense of furtive motion); slander: KJV - defaming, evil report, infamy, slander.	11

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psithuristes	psith-oo-ris-tace'	a secret calumniator: KJV - whisperer.	13
psithurismos	psith-oo-ris-mos'	from a derivative of psithos (a whisper; by implication, a slander; probably akin to NT:5574); whispering, i.e. secret detraction: KJV - whispering.	13

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Visible Signs of a <i>Whisperer / Talebearer</i>				
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They try to get information from you in a nice way or through deception. They tell others in a way you get hurt.	lachash law-khash'	II Samuel 12:19 But when David saw that his servants <i>whispered</i> , David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.	Psalms 41:7 All that hate me <i>whisper</i> together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.	Psalms 58:5 Which will not hearken to the voice of <i>charmners</i> , charming never so wisely.
	A whisperer is one of the worst types that talk about others.	Note: They try to get info from you sometimes they look like a friend.	1.They hate you 2.They talk about you. 3. They plan against you. 4. The goal is your hurt.	

An *Whisperer / Talebearer* has visible signs as to how they think:

Hebrew Word Study

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Psalms 41:7 - Hithpael - future

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II Samuel 12:19 - Hithpael - participle

But when David saw that his servants *whispered*, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

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<p>This person flatters you but talks to others about your secrets.</p> <p>Proverbs 20:19 He that goeth about as <i>a talebearer</i> revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.</p>	<p>rakiyl</p> <p>Leviticus 19:16 Thou shalt not go up and down as <i>a talebearer</i> among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the LORD.</p>	<p>Jeremiah 6:28 They are all grievous revolters, walking with <i>slanders</i>: they are brass and iron; they are all corrupters.</p>	<p>Jeremiah 9:4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with <i>slanders</i>.</p>	<p>Proverbs 11:13 <i>A talebearer</i> revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.</p>
			<p>Ezekiel 22:9 In thee are men <i>that carry tales</i> to shed blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness.</p>	

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rakiyl (raw-keel'); a scandal-monger (as travelling about)

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The words of a whisperer: 1. Stirs up strife. 2. They say enough truth to hurt you (i.e.) to wound you. 3. The end result is that it destroys friendships.	Neer-gāhn' Proverbs 26:22 The words of <i>a talebearer</i> are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.	Proverbs 18:8 The words of <i>a talebearer</i> are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. (marginal whisperer).	Proverbs 16:28 A froward man soweth strife: <i>and a whisperer</i> separateth chief friends. Note: Be careful who you listen to.	Proverbs 26:20 Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no <i>talebearer</i> , the strife ceaseth .

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Hebrew Word Study

nirgan (neer-gawn'); from an unused root meaning to roll to pieces; a slanderer:

KJV - talebearer, whisperer.

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(Neer) (just an added side note),(plowing).

Proverbs 21:4

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Isaiah 29:4 And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall <i>whisper</i> out of the dust. (Marginal peep or chirp)	tsaphaph tsaw-faf'	To chatter, peep, or whisper. Isaiah 38:14 Like a crane or a swallow, so did I <i>chatter</i> : I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.	Isaiah 8:19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards <i>that peep</i> , and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?	Isaiah 10:14 And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, <i>or peeped</i> .

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Hebrew Word Study

Tsaphaph (tsaw-faf'); to coo or chirp (as a bird): *KJV* - chatter, peep, whisper.

Isaiah 29:4 - Pilpel-future

And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall *whisper* out of the dust. (Marginal peep or chirp)

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Isaiah 8:19 - Pilpel-participle

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halak (haw-lak'); to walk (in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively):

KJV - (all) along, apace, behave (self), come, (on) continually, be conversant, depart, + be eased, enter, exercise (self), + follow, forth, forward, get, go (about, abroad, along, away, forward, on, out, up and down), + greater, grow, be wont to haunt, lead, march, ^X more and more, move (self), needs, on, pass (away), be at the point, quite, run (along), + send, speedily, spread, still, surely, + tale-bearer, + travel (-ler), walk (abroad, on, to and fro, up and down, to places), wander, wax, [way-] faring man, ^X be weak, whirl.

(Only once interpreted talebearer)

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<p>They lie to hide hatred and tear you up behind your back.</p> <p>Proverbs 10:18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.</p> <p>Numbers 14:36 And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,</p>	<p>Dibbah</p> <p>Jeremiah 20:10 For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.</p>	<p>Psalms 31:13 For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.</p>	<p>Proverbs 25:10 Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.</p>	<p>Ezekiel 36:3 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and are an infamy of the people:</p>

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Hebrew Word Study

dibbah (dib-baw');(in the sense of furtive motion); slander:

KJV - defaming, evil report, infamy, slander.

Genesis 37:2

These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father *their* evil *report*.

Numbers 13:32

And they brought up *an evil report* of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

Numbers 14:36-37

And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up *a slander* upon the land, ³⁷ Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.

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Ezekiel 36:3

Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and *are an infamy of* the people:

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A Greek word for an evil secret slanderer.	psithuristes psithurismos	Romans 1:30 <i>Backbiters</i> , haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,	II Corinthians 12:20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, <i>whisperings</i> , swellings, tumults:	A person who does not get into talking about others. A person who is not nosy and does not listen into conversations to learn “stuff.”
Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; <i>whisperers</i> ,	A whisperer can be a nice person to gain information. They hate you! They plan ways to set you up! Avoid them!			

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Greek Word Study

psithuristes (psith-oo-ris-tace'); a secret calumniator:

KJV - whisperer. Occurs in an evil sense in

Romans 1:29

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KJV - whispering. "is used of "secret slander" in

II Corinthians 12:20

For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, *whisperings*, swellings, tumults:

Note: In the Septuagint Ecclesiastes 10:11 uses this Greek word of "*a murmured enchantment*"

Note: synonymous with number 1 above is **katalalos** (The distinction being that this denotes one guilty of open calumny, **psithuristes**: one who does it clandestinely).

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WHISPERER

A slanderer

Leviticus 19:16

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SLANDER

Comes from the evil heart

Luke 6:45

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Often arises from hatred

Psalms 109:3

They compassed me about also with **words of hatred**; and fought against me without a cause.

Idleness leads to

I Timothy 5:13

And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but **tattlers** also and **busybodies**, speaking things which they ought not.

Evil people addicted to

Psalms 50:20

Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou **slanderest** thine own mother's son.

Hypocrites habitually

Proverbs 11:9

An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

A characteristic of the Devil

Revelation 12:10

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: **for the accuser of our brethren** is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

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Wicked people love

Psalms 52:4

Thou lovest all **devouring words**, O thou deceitful tongue.

Those who indulge in, are fools

Proverbs 10:18

He that **hideth hatred with lying lips**, and he that uttereth a **slander**, is a fool.

Women warned against

Titus 2:3

The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

Wives of God's servants should avoid

I Timothy 3:11

Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

Christ was exposed to

Psalms 35:11

False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

Matthew 26:60

But found none: yea, though many **false witnesses** came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,

Rulers exposed to

Jude 8

Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

Servants of God exposed to

Romans 3:8

And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

II Cointhians 6:8

By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

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The nearest relations exposed to

Psalms 50:20

Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; **thou slanderest thine own mother's son.**

Saints exposed to

Psalms 38:12

They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

Psalms 109:2

For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

I Peter 4:4

Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

Saints should keep their tongues from

Psalms 34:13

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

I Peter 3:10

For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

Saints should lay aside

Psalms 34:13

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

I Peter 3:10

For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

Ephesians 4:31

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Should be warned against

Titus 3:1

Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

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Should give no occasion for

I Peter 2:12

Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

I Peter 3:16

Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

Should return good for

I Corinthians 4:13

Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

Blessed in enduring

Matthew 5:11

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Characterized as avoiding

Psalms 15:1

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

Psalms 15:3

He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

Should not be listened to

I Samuel 24:9

And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

Causes anger

Proverbs 25:23

The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

INSIGHTS FROM PROVERBS

A Whisperer / Talebearer

Effects of separating friends

Proverbs 16:28

A froward man soweth strife: and a *whisperer* separateth chief friends.

Proverbs 17:9

He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

Deadly wounds

Proverbs 18:8

The words of a *talebearer* are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

Proverbs 26:22

The words of a *talebearer* are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. (When Solomon says it twice, is not a mistake – but for emphasis)

Strife

Proverbs 26:20

Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: **so where there is no *talebearer*, the strife ceaseth.**

Discord among brethren

Proverbs 6:19

A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

TALEBEARER

General scripture concerning

Leviticus 19:16

Thou shalt not go up and down as a *talebearer* among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the LORD.

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Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words

Whisperer / Talebearer - Hebrew

halak "to go, walk, behave." This verb appears in most Semitic languages (although it has a different meaning in Arabic). It is attested in all periods of Hebrew. Old Testament Hebrew attests it about 1,550 times, while the Aramaic uses it a few times.

Essentially, this root refers to movement without any suggestion of direction in the sense of going, whether of man Gen 9:23, beasts Gen 3:14, or inanimate objects Gen 2:14 — the first occurrence of the word. In cases other than men (where it means "to walk") **halak** may be translated "to go." It is used sometimes with a special emphasis on the end or goal of the action in mind; men are but flesh, "a wind that passeth [goes] away, and cometh not again" Ps 78:39. Applied to human existence the word suggests "going to one's death," as in Gen 15:2, when Abraham says: "O Lord God, what wilt thou give me, since I am [going to my death] childless...?" (NASB). This verb can also be used of one's behavior, or the way one "walks in life." So he who "walks" uprightly shall be blessed of God Isa 33:15. This does not refer to walking upright on one's feet but to living a righteous life.

This root is used in various other special ways. It may be used to emphasize that a certain thing occurred; Jacob went and got the kid his mother requested, in other words, he actually did the action Gen 27:14. In Gen 8:3 the waters of the flood steadily receded from the surface of the earth. Sometimes this verb implies movement away from, as in Gen 18:33, when the Lord "departed" from Abraham.

God is said to "walk" or "go" in three senses. First, there are certain cases where He assumed some kind of physical form. For example, Adam and Eve heard the sound of God "walking" to and fro in the garden of Eden Gen 3:8. He "walks" on the clouds Ps 104:3 or in the heavens Job 22:14; these are probably anthropomorphisms (God is spoken of as if He had bodily parts). Even more often God is said to accompany His people Ex 33:14, to go to redeem (deliver) them from Egypt 2 Sam 7:23, and to come to save them Ps 80:2. The idea of God's "going" ("walking") before His people in the pillars of fire and cloud Ex 13:21 leads to the idea that His people must "walk" behind Him Deut 13:5. Quite often the people are said to have "walked" or to be warned against "walking behind" foreign gods Deut 4:3. Thus, the rather concrete idea of following God through the wilderness moves to "walking behind" Him spiritually. Some scholars suggest that "walking behind" pagan gods (or even the true God) arose from the pagan worship where the god was carried before the people as they entered the sanctuary. Men may also "walk... after the imagination of their evil heart," or act stubbornly Jer 3:17. The pious followed or practiced God's commands; they "walked" in righteousness Isa 33:15, in humility Mic 6:8, and in integrity Ps 15:2. They also "walk with God" Gen 5:22, and they live in His presence, and "walk before" Him Gen 17:1, in the sense of living responsibly before Him.

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WHISPERER, WHISPERING

1. psithuristes "a whisperer," occurs in an evil sense in Rom 1:29.

2. psithurismos "a whispering," is used of "secret slander" in 2 Cor 12:20. In the Sept., Eccl 10:11, of "a murmured enchantment."

Note: Synonymous with No. 1 is **katalalos**, "a backbiter" Rom 1:30#, the distinction being that this denotes one guilty of open calumny, **psithuristes**, one who does it clandestinely.