**Meditation – Definitions from Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries**

**Following are *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* numbers for six key words translated “meditate” and “meditation”:** H1897, H7881, H1902, H7878, H7879 and G3191. We will explore the precise definition of each of these words below (approximately 68 verses).

**hâgâh** (H1897)*haw-gaw'*

* **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance** **– Definition:** To murmur (in pleasure or anger); to ponder, imagine, meditate, mourn, mutter, roar, speak, study, talk, utter
* **Brown-Driver-Briggs – Definition**: To moan, growl, utter, muse, mutter, meditate, devise, plot, speak, roar, groan, imagine
* **King James Concordance – Total KJV Occurrences of H1897**: 24, which are translated as:
* **meditate, 6** (Jos\_1:8, Psa\_1:2, Psa\_63:6, Psa\_77:12, Psa\_143:5, Isa\_33:18)
* **mourn, 4** (Isa\_16:7, Isa\_38:14, Isa\_59:11, Jer\_48:31)
* **speak, 3** (Psa\_35:28, Pro\_8:7 (2))
* **imagine, 2** (Psa\_2:1, Psa\_38:12)
* **studieth, 2** (Pro\_15:28, Pro\_24:2)
* **mutter, 1** (Isa\_8:19)
* **muttered, 1** (Isa\_59:3)
* **roaring, 1** (Isa\_31:3-4 (2))
* **speaketh, 1** (Psa\_37:30)
* **talk, 1** (Psa\_71:24)
* **utter, 1** (Job\_27:4)
* **uttering, 1** (Isa\_59:13)

**śı̂ychâh** (H7881) *see-khaw'*

* **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance – Definition:** Reflection, devotion,meditation, prayer
* **Brown-Driver-Briggs – Definition:** Meditation, reflection, prayer, devotion, complaint, musing, study
* **King James Concordance – Total KJV Occurrences:** 2, which are translated as:
	+ **meditation, 2** (2 Psa\_119:97, Psa\_119:99)

**higgâyôn** (H1902) *hig-gaw-yone'*

* **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance** **– Definition:** A murmuring sound, a musical notation, meditation, solemn sound
* **Brown-Driver-Briggs – Definition:** Meditation, resounding music, musing, plotting
* **King James Concordance – Total KJV Occurrences:** 4, which are translated as:
* **device, 1** (Lam\_3:62)
* **higgaion, 1** (not translated - Psa\_9:16)
* **meditation, 1** (Psa\_19:14)
* **sound, 1** (Psa\_92:3)

**śı̂yach** (H7878)*see'-akh* (A primitive root)

* **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance – Definition:** To ponder, converse (with oneself, and hence aloud), utter,commune, complain, declare, meditate, muse, pray, speak, talk
* **Brown-Driver-Briggs – Definition:** To put forth, meditate, muse, commune, speak, complain, ponder, sing, to complain, to talk, consider, put forth thoughts
* **King James Concordance – Total KJV Occurrences:** 21, which are translated as:
* **meditate, 5** (Psa\_119:15, Psa\_119:23, Psa\_119:48, Psa\_119:78, Psa\_119:148)
* **talk, 5** (1Ch\_16:9, Psa\_77:12, Psa\_105:2, Psa\_119:27, Pro\_6:22)
* **speak, 4** (Jdg\_5:10, Job\_12:8, Psa\_69:12, Psa\_145:5)
* **commune, 1** (Psa\_77:5-6 (2))
* **complain, 1** (Job\_7:11)
* **complained, 1** (Psa\_77:3)
* **declare, 1** (Isa\_53:8)
* **muse, 1** (Psa\_143:5)
* **pray, 1** (Psa\_55:17)
* **prayer, 1** (Job\_15:4)

**śı̂yach** (H7879)*see'-akh*(From the root word H7878, same spelling)

* **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance** **– Definition:** Contemplation, utterance*,* babbling, communication, complaint, meditation, prayer, talk
* **Brown-Driver-Briggs – Definition:** Meditation, complaint, musing, plaint, complaint, musing, anxiety, trouble, talk
* **King James Concordance – Total KJV Occurrences:** 14, which are translated as:
* **complaint, 9** (1Sa\_1:16, Job\_7:13, Job\_9:27, Job\_10:1, Job\_21:4, Psa\_55:2 (2), Psa\_142:1-2 (2))
* **babbling, 1** (Pro\_23:29)
* **communication, 1** (2Ki\_9:11)
* **meditation, 1** (Psa\_104:34)
* **prayer, 1** (Psa\_64:1)
* **talking, 1** (1Ki\_18:27)

**meletaō** (G3191)*mel-et-ah'-o*

* **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance – Definition:** To take care of, revolve in the mind, imagine
* **Thayer’s Greek Definitions:** To care for, attend to carefully, practice, to meditate, devise, contrive
* **King James Concordance – Total KJV Occurrences:** 3, which are translated as:
* **imagine, 1** (Act\_4:25)
* **meditate, 1** (1Ti\_4:15)
* **premeditate, 1** (Mar\_13:11)