

**37:23** The Heb. begins with "by the Lord" - יְהֹוָה.

"The steps" - טַעַם, or simply, steps.

"Of a (good) man" - יְהֹוָה, "a man, so called from his strength" (Gen., 17:6). Dilitzsch (II, 15) says that it means "man in an emphatic sense (Job 38:3), and in fact in an ethical sense." ~~He~~

"Are ordered" - יְשִׁיבוּ, from יָשִׁיב, "to set up firmly, to establish" (Gen., 45:1).

Examples: 2 Sam. 7:13; Psa. 40:2; 24:2.

From the idea of falling in v. 24 there is the idea of strengthening a person in his walk.

"And he delighteth" - יְהֹוָה. It can also be translated, he loves, he is pleased.

Cf. 1 Sam. 15:22; 2 Sam. 22:20.

"On reviewing all the passages where the word delights is used, the reader will probably come to the conclusion that its true meaning is not so much an intense pleasurable emotion, as a favorable disposition... It also marks His unwillingness to be put off with ceremonial observances as a substitute for the devotion of the heart" (Middleton, p. 69).

Thus, it would seem that the "he" in this instance is the Lord.

"His way" - יְהֹוָה. This is the totality of the steps. This speaks of the way he lives and walks - his whole life.

Cf. Psa. 5:9; 27:11; 27:1-4.

**37:24** "Though" - וְאֶת, if.

"He fell" - נִפְלֵא, from נִפְלָא, to fall, to fail, to fall out, <sup>a way</sup> (or desert), to deliberately fall. "Supposing he should fall, whether it be ~~from~~ a fall

Prov.  
Cf. Gen. 16:9  
Gen. 10:23  
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It is used  
more than  
pitiful times in  
as O.T. and  
representative man  
as a mighty man  
King (Saul)  
5:21. Cf. 1 Cor. 10:11.  
"He" 31.

Cf. Ps. 85:10; 89:48;  
88:4; 91:1; 34:8;  
40:4; 52:7.

arising from misfortune or from error, or both together, he is not prostrated" (Del., II, 15).

"He shall not be utterly cast down" - יְהִי נָסַר, from יָלֹעַ, "to be cast down at full length, to be prostrated" (Yes., 363).

This could mean:

- 1) He will not lose his salvation.
- 2) He will surely recover. There are no hopeless cases with the Lord. Cf. Phil. 1:6; Jude 24, 25; 1 Pet. 1:3-5.

Why?

"For" - וְ, because.

"See Lord" - once in each of these verses.

"Upholdeth (him)" - תָּמִיד, to uphold, sustain, support. Cf. v.17; Psa. 145:14; 54:4.

"With his hand" - יְדוֹ. Cf. Isu. 41:10; John 10:27-30; Luke 22:31, 32; Psa. 119:116, 117.

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