

Wisdom Of God

'If any of you lacks wisdom, let them ask of God Who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to them' (James 1:5). 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom' (Psalm 111:10).

Without God's wisdom our lives would be a complete mess. Wisdom is mentioned in the Bible over two hundred times. Wisdom was set up before God began creating the universe and was the joyful 'craftsman' who was at God's side during creation (Proverbs 8:30). Wisdom brings the reverential fear of God and is a divine entity we need to embrace, respect and enjoy. The Bible refers to Wisdom as 'she' or 'her' not 'it', indicating wisdom has a female characteristic. 'Tell Wisdom, "You are my sister." Consider understanding to be your kinswoman' (Proverbs 7:4). 'Wisdom calls aloud in the street. She utters her voice in the public squares. She calls at the head of noisy places and at the entrance of the city gates, she utters her words' (Proverbs 1:20 & 21).

Proverbs 8:1. Wisdom cries out. Understanding raises her voice. 2. She stands on the top of high places by the way where the paths meet. 3. She cries aloud beside the gates at the entry of the city, at the entry doors, "To mankind I call! I send my voice to the sons of mankind. 5. You simple minded, understand common sense. You fools, be of an understanding heart. 6. Listen, for I will speak excellent things. The opening of my lips is for right things. 7. My mouth speaks truth. Wickedness is an abomination to my lips. 8. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness. There is nothing perverse in them. 9. They are all plain to those who understand, right to those who find knowledge. 10. Receive my instruction rather than silver. Receive knowledge rather than choice gold. 11. Wisdom is better than rubies. All the things that may be desired cannot be compared to it. 12. I, Wisdom, have made common sense my dwelling. Learn knowledge and discretion. 13. The fear of the Lord God is to hate evil. I, Wisdom hate pride, arrogance, the evil way and the perverse mouth. 14. Counsel and sound knowledge are mine. I have understanding and power. 15. By me kings reign and princes decree justice. 16. By me princes and nobles rule, and all the righteous rulers of the earth. 17. I love those who love me. Those who seek me diligently will find me. 18. With me are riches, honour, enduring wealth and prosperity. 19. My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold. My yield is better than choice silver. 20. I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice, 21, so I may give wealth to those who love me. I fill their treasuries. 22. God possessed me in the beginning of His work, before His deeds of old. 23. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth existed. 24. When there were no depths or springs abounding with water, I was brought forth. 25. Before the mountains and hills were settled in place, I was brought forth. 26. Before God had made the earth, the fields, the beginning of the dust of the world, 27, before He established the heavens, I was there. When He set a circle (of sea currents) on the surface of the deep, 28, when He established the clouds above, when the springs of the deep became strong, 29, when He gave to the sea its boundary so the waters should not violate His commandment, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, 30 then I was the craftsman by His side. I was a delight day by day, always rejoicing before Him. 31. Rejoicing in His whole world. My delight was with the sons of men. 32. Now therefore my sons, listen to me, for blessed are those who keep my ways. 33. Hear instruction and be wise. Do not refuse it. 34. Blessed is the person who hears me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my doorposts. 35. Whoever finds me finds life and will obtain favour from God. 36. Those who sin against me, wrongs their own soul. All those who hate me love death."

God's wisdom gives us common sense and enables us to get through life under the hand of God so we do not fail Him. It is one aspect of the Holy Spirit and is called, 'The Spirit of Wisdom' (1 Corinthians 12:8). 'Speak to all who are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the Spirit of Wisdom' (Exodus 28:3). True wisdom from God excludes delusions and slyness. God is our only source of common sense and wisdom. We cannot be wise on our own. Wisdom cannot be found within ourselves but through our relationship with the Lord. Along with wisdom comes maturity both natural and in our spiritual walk with God. Throughout the Bible, the overall life of a wise man is one of peace, joy, self-control and prosperity. Not necessarily financial prosperity, but prosperous in marriage, family, employment and blessings. 'Know wisdom and instruction. Discern the words of understanding. Receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice and equity. Give sense to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young man so the wise man may hear and increase in learning, so the man of understanding may attain to sound counsel' (Proverbs 1:2 to 5).

A wise person obeys God and heeds the advice of others – a foolish person refuses to listen and makes one mistake after another. There is an adage that says, 'Youth is wasted on the young'. That is so true. It takes years to learn wisdom and most older people are wiser than the young (Job 12:12). Young people tend to do very foolish things but wisdom will cause them to use common sense and behave sensibly. 'Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his good conduct, his deeds are done in gentleness of wisdom' (James 3:13). People without wisdom are called fools who are immature, given to temptation, hoarding, simple minded, irritable, stubborn, rebellious, lazy, opinionated, easily led astray, disrespectful, mockers, unable to make wise decisions and they fail to realise negative actions result in negative consequences.

Scripturally, there are no grey areas. We are either wise or foolish. 'The fear of God is the beginning of knowledge but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction. My son, listen to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching for they will be a garland of grace your head and chains (of blessing) around your neck. My son, if sinners entice you do not consent ... My son, do not walk in the way with sinners. Keep your foot from their path' (Proverbs 1:7 to 15).

Wisdom from God is not worldly knowledge of false religiosity, which leads only to narcissism, unrighteousness and denies the need for a relationship with our Creator. 'Worldly wisdom is not what comes down from above but is earthly, sensual and demonic. Where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there is confusion and every evil deed' (James 3:15 & 16). Evolution has played a huge role in leading the world down the current path of global destruction because evolution takes God out of people's lives and with a lack of a relationship with God comes lawlessness, rebellion, strife, moral decline and murder. It is Spiritual knowledge from God that increases our wisdom, humility and righteousness. Moses was extremely wise and was also the meekest or most humble man on earth. 'The man Moses was very humble, above all the men who were on earth' (Numbers 12:3). 'The wisdom from above (from God) is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good (spiritual) fruit, without partiality and without hypocrisy. The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace' (James 3:17 & 18).

God gives us wisdom but it is conditional. The Spirit of Wisdom can be lost through rebellion and disobedience. It was said Solomon was the wisest man on earth in his day. 'God gave Solomon exceeding wisdom and great understanding, even as the sand on the seashore. Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. He was wiser than all men ... and his fame was in all the nations all around ... There came of all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom' (1 Kings 4:29 to 34). Solomon's divine wisdom is revealed in the Book of Proverbs. However, Solomon's wisdom waned when he disobeyed God, married pagan women, worshipped idols and had 'unclean' children to his hundreds of pagan concubines (mistresses). They turned Solomon against God Who tore the kingship away from him (Kings 11:1 to 11). The consequence of the wane in Solomon's Godly wisdom resulted in the sad Book of Ecclesiastes where he writes in what appears to be a miserable frame of mind after his kingship was taken from him. Solomon writes, "I, the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem" (Ecclesiastes 1:12). Solomon regarded life as a terrible burden forced on mankind by God. 'I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under the sky (on earth). It is a heavy burden that God has given to the sons of men to be afflicted with ... In much wisdom is much grief and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow' (Ecclesiastes 1:13 & 18). Solomon stated he actually hated life (Ecclesiastes 2:17).

We need God's wisdom to see from His point of view, not from a human viewpoint. God's wisdom is way beyond our level of understanding. It is one aspect of the essence of our holy God and Creator. His ways are not the same as our ways. His thoughts are far above our thoughts (Isaiah 55:8 & 9). If we diligently seek wisdom we will be empowered to walk in righteousness regardless of negative circumstances around us. 'My son, if you will receive my (wisdom's) words and store up my commandments within you, turn your ear to wisdom and apply your heart to understanding, yes if you call out for discernment and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her (wisdom) as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. He gives wisdom. Out of His mouth comes knowledge and understanding. He lays up sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield to those who walk in integrity so He may guard the paths of justice and preserve the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path, for wisdom will enter into your heart. Knowledge will be pleasant to your soul' (Proverbs 2:1 to 10).

Amen and God bless you.

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