

Wisdom Of God

'You will speak to all who are wise-hearted whom I have filled with the Spirit of Wisdom ... I have filled them with the Spirit of God, in Wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge and in all manner of workmanship' (Exodus 28:3; 31:3). 'Joshua the son of Nun was full of the Spirit of Wisdom' (Deuteronomy 34:9). 'The Spirit of God will rest on Him, the Spirit of Wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord' (Isaiah 11:2). 'Jesus was growing up and was becoming strong in Spirit, being filled with Wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him' (Luke 2:40). 'May the God of our Lord Jesus, the Father of glory, give to you a Spirit of Wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him' (Ephesians 1:17). 'Worthy is the Lamb (Jesus) Who was slain to receive the power, wealth, Wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing!' (Revelation 5:12).

We can see by these opening verses, Wisdom in this context is a Spirit, appointed before creation and is one of the personal aspects of God our Creator. Wisdom was a joyful presence when God created earth and the entire universe. 'Lord, how many are your works! In Wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your riches ... You send forth Your Spirit and they are created' (Psalm 104:24 & 30). 'With Wisdom the Lord founded the earth. With understanding He established the heavens' (Proverbs 3:19). 'God made the earth by His power, He established the world by His Wisdom and by His understanding He stretched out the heavens' (Jeremiah 10:12). "I, Wisdom, was appointed from everlasting, from the beginning before the earth existed. I was brought forth before there were ocean depths, when there were no fountains or springs abounding with water. I was brought forth before the hills and mountains were settled in place, before He (God) had made the earth or the fields, before the creation of the dust (dirt, clay, sand etc) of the world. When He established the heavens, I was there. When He drew horizon's circle on the surface of the ocean, when He established the sky and clouds above, when the fountains and springs of the oceans poured forth, when He set the sea its boundary so the waters should not flow beyond His commandment, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, I (Wisdom) was the Craftsman by His side. I was a delight day by day, always rejoicing before Him and rejoicing in His whole world. My delight was with mankind" (Proverbs 8:23 to 31). The word Wisdom is written in the Bible over two hundred times. The word Wise is mentioned over two hundred times. The word understanding in this same context is written over one hundred and sixty times.

Wisdom brings the reverential fear of God and is a divine entity we need to embrace, respect and enjoy. Wisdom is the One Who calls out to the unsaved and is referred to in the feminine sense. 'She' and 'her' are feminine pronouns used to denote Wisdom and we are told to embrace Wisdom as an elder female relative or kinswoman. Hebrew, the language in which the Bible was written, frequently uses the feminine pronoun when referring to Wisdom. 'Tell Wisdom, "You are my sister." Call understanding your kinswoman' (Proverbs 7:4). Wisdom calls out to people who are acting foolishly and she wants to give them God's Spirit of Wisdom. 'Wisdom calls aloud in the street. She utters her voice in the public places. Wisdom calls at the head of noisy places and at the entrance of the city gates she utters her words, "How long, you simple ones will you love simplicity? How long will mockers delight themselves in mockery and fools hate knowledge? Turn at Wisdom's reproof. Behold, I will pour out My Spirit on you. I will make known My words to you. Wisdom has called and you have refused. I (God) have stretched out My hand and no one has paid attention. You have ignored all of Wisdom's counsel and wanted none of My reproof"' (Proverbs 1:20 to 25). 'Wisdom has ... sent out her sisters. She cries out from the highest places of the city ... To calls out to those who are void of understanding ... Leave your simple ways and live. Walk in the way of understanding ... The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding' (Proverbs 9:3, 4, 6 & 10). 'If any of you lacks Wisdom, ask of God Who gives to all liberally and without reproach and it will be given to you ... The Wisdom from above (from God) is first pure, peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good (spiritual) fruit, without partiality and without hypocrisy' (James 1:5; 3:17).

Without God's Wisdom our lives would be a complete mess. 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. 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. Wisdom is much more than regular common sense. It adds an entirely new dimension to a person's life when we use the Wisdom of God as He intended for us and it enables us to get through life under the hand of God so we do not fail Him. 'My child (all believers in God) ... turn your ear to Wisdom and apply your heart to understanding ... call out for discernment ... lift up your voice for understanding ... seek 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 to guard the paths of justice and preserve the way of His people. You will understand righteousness, justice, equity and every good path. Wisdom will enter your heart. Knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will watch over you. Understanding will keep you to deliver you from the way of evil' (Proverbs 2:1 to 12).

True Wisdom from God excludes delusions and slyness. 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 person is one of peace, joy, self-control and righteousness. '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 person so the wise person may hear and increase in learning, so the person of understanding may attain to sound counsel' (Proverbs 1:2 to 5). 'Happy is the person who finds Wisdom and the one who receives understanding ... Do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep sound Wisdom and discretion so they will be life to your soul and grace for your neck. You will walk in your way securely. Your foot will not stumble. When you lie down you will not be afraid. Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet' (Proverbs 3:13, 21 to 24). 'Get Wisdom. Get understanding. Do not forget nor swerve from the words of My mouth. Do not forsake Wisdom and she will preserve you. Love her and she will keep you. Wisdom is supreme. Get Wisdom ... Esteem her and she will exalt you. She will bring you to honour when you embrace her. She will give to your head a garland of grace. She will deliver a crown of splendour to you' (Proverbs 4:5 to 9). 'Pay attention to My Wisdom. Turn your ear to My understanding' (Proverbs 5:1). 'Wisdom cries out. Understanding raises her voice ... Wisdom is better than rubies. All the things that may be desired cannot be compared to Wisdom. I, Wisdom have made good sense My dwelling. Find out knowledge and discretion' (Proverbs 8:1, 11, 12).

Embracing Wisdom, understanding and the reverent fear and respect for the Lord are important conditions to inheriting God's blessings. We need to love the Wisdom the Lord bestows on us and we need to acquire the correct attitude to Wisdom like Daniel had. 'Blessed be the name of God forever and ever for Wisdom and might are His. He changes the times and the seasons, He sets up and removes kings, He gives Wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding, He reveals the deep and secret (Spiritual) things, He knows what is in the darkness and the Light dwells with Him. I thank You and praise You, You God of my forefathers, Who has given me Wisdom and might and have now made known to me what we desired of You' (Daniel 2:20 to 23).

We all need the Wisdom of God to help us through our difficult lives in this increasingly sinful world, filled with unsaved people without any Godly Wisdom. People throughout the world are behaving foolishly, believing foolish things and speaking foolishly using the ungodly wisdom of this world. They are lost souls without God in their lives. 'The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God' (1 Corinthians 3:19). 'In the Wisdom of God, the world through its own wisdom did not know God' (1 Corinthians 1:21). It is important for Bible believers to teach God's Wisdom wherever possible. God's Wisdom offers us wise counsel each day. Wisdom sometimes comes to us as a Person from the Spirit of the Lord, presenting righteousness, encouragement, good living standards and saving us from our own foolishness. 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 them show by their good conduct, their 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 child, listen to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching for they will be a garland to grace your head and chains (of blessing) around your neck. My child, if sinners entice you do not consent' (Proverbs 1:7 to 10).

Wisdom from God is not worldly knowledge or 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 (from God) but is earthly, sensual and demonic. Where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there is confusion and every evil deed' (James 3:15 & 16). Evolution, which is an obvious lie from an ungodly man's wisdom 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).

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

(ungodly) wisdom of all the children of the east and all the (ungodly) 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 31 & 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 (1 Kings 11:1 to 11). The consequence of the wane in Solomon's Godly Wisdom resulted in the sad Book of Ecclesiastes where he wrote in what appeared to be a miserable frame of mind after his kingship was taken from him. Solomon wrote, "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 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).

The Wisdom we receive from the Lord hates sin, hypocrisy, violence and foolishness, which are often called 'folly' in the Bible. Wisdom warns us to hate evil and there is no room for compromise. When we walk down the narrow pathway of eternal life we cannot permit ourselves to entertain thoughts of evil. We must take care to guard our lives and thoughts against pride, arrogance, perverse speech, iniquity, rebellion, deception and anything else Wisdom hates that may increase slowly in our lives without us being aware of it. We need to love what Wisdom loves and hate what Wisdom hates. 'Those who love Wisdom loves their own soul ... Whoever loves Wisdom brings joy to their family' (Proverbs 19:8; 29:3). 'May the God of our Lord Jesus, the Father of glory, give to you a Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Him' (Ephesians 1:17).

Amen and God bless you.

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