

In All Wisdom (Part 2)

The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.

[Shakespeare, “As You Like it, Act V, Scene 1]

Where the truly wise, bows to the wisdom of God

There are so many passages on ‘wisdom.’ Many Christians do not want to spend the time to study the Word of God. They want to spend time on witnessing about Jesus Christ. While that is part of our responsibility, they should be ready to grow in the Word of God. Again:

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

To get you some emotional impact in the reading of the bible, lets read Hebrews 6:1 in The Living Bible (TLB)

Hebrews 6:1 (TLB) Let us stop going over the same old ground again and again, always teaching those first lessons about Christ. Let us go on instead to other things and become mature in our understanding, as strong Christians ought to be. Surely we don’t need to speak further about the foolishness of trying to

be saved by being good, or about the necessity of faith in God;

If you truly want wisdom from the Word of God, you have to move on in the study of the Word of God.

People, we should always be ready in season and out of season to tell others the gospel of salvation by grace through faith, but we are to grow in the Word of God. We should grow in the wisdom of God.

A very important passage on this I want you to go over in your mind.

Philippians 3:13 Brothers, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Oh, I do hope you are pressing toward the goal for the prize!

That is the prize after your death and in the Judgment seat of Christ. We should desire as much wisdom as we can during our time here on earth. It is not just a matter of going to church, but pressing on to perfection as this life and in the presence of Jesus Christ.

- I. What is Wisdom?
 - A. Wisdom is skill in any endeavor.
 - B. Skill in all the affairs of life.
 - C. Skill in the moral decisions in life.
 - D. Skill in the spiritual decisions made in life.

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II. Where can Wisdom be found?

A. The Wisdom of the world.

B. The Wisdom of God.

James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

But in contrast to the wisdom of this world. the wisdom from above our study, and our desire is:

1. first pure, then
2. peaceable, in our souls and in our human relations
3. gentle,
4. reasonable, in harmony with all creation by Jesus Christ
5. full of mercy and
6. good fruits, in our lives
7. unwavering,
8. without hypocrisy.

Because Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Job 28:12 “But where can wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?”

Job 28:20 “Where then does wisdom come from? And where is the place of understanding?”

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C. True Wisdom can be found in God alone.

The Sovereign, Omnipotent, Omniscient God, that is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God the Holy Bible is the creator and only source of true Wisdom. And He alone reveals this wisdom:

Proverbs 8:22 “The LORD possessed me (wisdom) at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old.

Proverbs 8:23 “From everlasting I (wisdom) was established, From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth.

Proverbs 8:24 “When there were no depths I (wisdom) was brought forth, When there were no springs abounding with water.

Proverbs 8:25 “Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills I (wisdom) was brought forth;

Proverbs 8:26 While He (the Son of God) had not yet made the earth and the fields, Nor the first dust of the world.

Proverbs 8:27 “When He (Jesus Christ) established the heavens, I (wisdom) was there, When He (Jesus Christ) inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,

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Proverbs 8:28 When He (Jesus Christ) made firm the skies above, When the springs of the deep became fixed,

Proverbs 8:29 When He (Jesus Christ) set for the sea its boundary So that the water would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth;

Proverbs 8:30 Then I (wisdom) was beside Him, as a master workman; And I (wisdom) was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him,

8:31 Rejoicing in the world, His earth, And having my delight in the sons of men. (creation of angels)

Daniel 2:20 Daniel said, “Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him”

Daniel 2:21 “It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men And knowledge to men of understanding.”

God’s economy: the rich get richer—the one who is wise, turns to God and asks God. God freely gives wisdom.

I pray that as you read through these verses you begin to grasp the value of wisdom from God, and that you desire to grasp His wisdom.

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways.

III. Wisdom is the fear of the Lord.

Here we begin to see the relationship of wisdom and fear.

Job 28:28 “And to man He said, ‘Behold, (listen up, pay close attention) the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;...

The Hebrew word for fear ‘yir’ah.’ This is a positive in life, not a negative one. We are not to walk around in ‘fear’ all day long. In fact, one of the most informative passages is:

Exodus 20:20 Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin.”

God brings His power to cause us not to sin against Him. To be afraid to sin but also to be in awesome love of Him.

What is going on here? Sounds like ‘double talk.’ And it is as if we do not correctly understand what is being said. Both occurrences of the word translated ‘fear’ can mean almost the same thing. ‘Fear not’ means do not go around living in fear that God is going to ‘get you’ but do be in fear of His Righteous indignation if you sin. Unfortunately, not many children are reared with a correct understanding of this verse. I knew my mother loved me...cared for me...but I also knew to fear her if I disobeyed her. And so it is with God. We are not to live in fear of God, afraid of

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Him but we are to be afraid of sinning against Him. This is the correct teaching in regard to the police. We are not to live in fear of them, ‘freak out’ every time we see a policeman, but we should be in fear if we have disobeyed the law. Many parents teach their children to ‘fear’ the police—all the time, which is most unfortunate. They should not fear the police, but they should be in fear of breaking the law.

Exodus 20:20 Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, (not beat you) and in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin.”

We should fear His Righteous wrath when we sin, but have maximum awe of Him throughout our lives.

Now back to

Job 28:28 “And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, (maximum respect, maximum reverence,) that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.’ ”

Hosea 6:6 For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Not to sin is not only to be in fear of Him to sin but to have understanding of wisdom so that we will not sin.

An in-depth study would take us back to the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil. Do you know the difference between ‘knowledge of good and evil?’ To depart, that is to refrain from evil, is

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understanding. This of course demands that one knows from truth what evil is, then to refrain from it. Simply stated, anything that counters, goes against God's divine order, is evil. Whether it is physical evil or moral evil or spiritual evil, it goes against God's design and God's will...with the greatest of these being to present a false gospel. There is a multitude of preachers who would not even think of committing certain sins, but they stand up at the pulpit and proclaim a lie on how to be saved, beckoning people to do some acts of works—overt—like rituals or mental, like repentance or confession to be saved and have the depth of evil to actually say that God does not want your faith, he desires your works.

Truth of God in every aspect: Psalm 111:10 is so rich and a warning to us.

Psalm 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.

First: the opening words of verse 10 are repeated in the Word of God for example:

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Knowledge is simply knowing; wisdom is to know so as to make sound judgments; instruction is detailed information telling how something should be done.

A thinking verse given the three words for building a house:

Proverbs 24:3 by wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; And by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Wisdom to know so as to make sound judgment;

Understanding having insight or good judgment

Established to make firm or cause to stand up in strong position. From the Word of God you will learn how to structure a life that will glorify Jesus Christ.

We just started this wisdom in Psalm 111:10 the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. We saw this also in Proverbs 1:7. Now let's look at

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom And knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Here is how you want to spend the days reading the Bible, out of fear begin to know of wisdom and to have understanding of God.

Another is

Proverbs 4:7 The beginning of wisdom is Acquire wisdom and with all your acquiring get understanding.

Another way of wording this out of The Living Bible:

Proverbs 4:7 (TLB) Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do! And with your

wisdom develop common sense and good judgment.

What is so interesting is this (the beginning) is the first word in the Bible.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created...

The word introduces the point in time or beginning. If we take this and put it in Proverbs 4:7 *wisdom is the beginning of knowledge.*

Now we move on to

Job 28:28 ...behold the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom.

The Hebrew words for fear and wisdom are the same Hebrew words in Job 28:28 and Psalm 111:10. What is different is the Hebrew words translated 'Lord' in both passages (Job 28:28 and Psalm 111:10). In Psalms 111:10 it is the proper name of God: YHWH. While in Job 28:28 the Hebrew Adonai is used. YHWH is referred to 'holy name of God' not to be spoken of while Adonai was used to refer to God. This word (YHWH) is used exclusively of God. This designation refers to the supreme authority and power of God. Adonai was to be used in prayer. Adonai is more a description than a name for God.

It is like Jesus Christ. Christ is a description, whereas Jesus is a name. YHWH is a "name" for God, whereas Adonai is a description of him. By analogy, before Moses was given the "name" YHWH, one can argue that the "name" used for God was El or El Shaddai. In fact, even in the "name" El Shaddai, one can argue that the word El is the "name" and Shaddai is the description.

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Either way, the maximum respect, and reverence and yes, fear of Him is the beginning of wisdom. Here is added that this is the beginning of wisdom. All other thinking that follows after a reverence of Lord, for example respect of His divine order in respect of the male and female bodies is wisdom. It is almost humorous how foolish so many have become in our society today. Not only do they approve and encourage homosexuality and lesbianism but now they encourage girls to think they are boys and boys to think they are girls. Principle: Once you depart from God's designed order of things, there is no limit to how foolish and absurd you will become. "To depart from evil is understanding." Oh, my people we are to be so honorable in referring to the wisdom of God.

IV. Fallen man does not know the value of Wisdom.

And as to the state that man is in after the fall and imputation of Adam's Original Sin to our Inherited Sin Nature, Job describes man's ignorance of wisdom.

**Job 28:12 "But where can wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?**

Job 28:13 "Man (flesh nature of man) does not know its value, (man does not know the value of wisdom or of understanding.) **Nor is it found in the land of the living.**

Job 28:14 "The deep says, 'It is not in me'; And the sea says, 'It is not with me.' (We have studied from Genesis 1:2 that the deep and the sea is the place where God cast all the fallen demons.)

28:15 “Pure gold cannot be given in exchange for it, Nor can silver be weighed as its price. (We see this when man tries to buy the power of the gospel.)

Job 28:16 “It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, In precious onyx, or sapphire.

Job 28:17 “Gold or glass cannot equal it, Nor can it be exchanged for articles of fine gold.

Job 28:18 “Coral and crystal are not to be mentioned; And the acquisition of wisdom is above that of pearls.

Job 28:19 “The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it, Nor can it be valued in pure gold.

Job 28:20 “Where then does wisdom come from? And where is the place of understanding?

Job 28:21 “Thus it is hidden from the eyes of all living And concealed from the birds of the sky.

Job 28:22 “Abaddon and Death say, ‘With our ears we have heard a report of it.’

V. Wisdom is Free—by grace through faith.

Since it cannot be found anywhere on this planet or universe, and all the wealth on earth will not buy it, then where is it to be found? Let’s start our answer with this:

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Wisdom is free!!! Like eternal life, it is free, like the Filling of the Holy Spirit—it is free—all are secured by grace through faith alone.

VI. All things were created by the wisdom of God.

Psalms 104:24 O LORD, how many are Your works! (The countless works of His creation) In wisdom (or by wisdom) You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions or by your creatures

Why is this so important in our study? **To deny creation is to deny the wisdom of God.** To condone perversions of male and female is to reject the wisdom of God. ‘God you are not wise, we know that a man’s body is designed for a man and a woman’s body is designed for a woman...we are wise and you are unwise! Therefore,

Romans 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools.

And dear people, this holds true in all categories of evil. Remember that evil is a rejection of divine order in the design of creation. So, whether we are talking of spiritual issues, like the gospel or moral wisdom or academic wisdom or political issues or any and all categories of decisions that we have to make throughout the day, God has a plan, a will, a design for all His creation according to His Wisdom. This is why it is so important that we know that God created this and all universes and He created this world and the design of this world.

Jeremiah 10:12 It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His

wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens.

And this is why Satan must get man to believe in evolution, that is without design and purpose

VII. We have seen the importance of our thinking correctly by the fear of the Lord and His Wisdom, but what about your mouth? Your speaking?

**Psalm 37:29 The righteous will inherit the land
And dwell in it forever.**

**Psalm 37:30 The mouth of the righteous utters
wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.**

**Psalm 49:3 My mouth will speak wisdom, And
the meditation of my heart will be
understanding.**

Now in our study of Ephesians look at

**Ephesians 4:29 Let no unwholesome word
proceed from your mouth, but only such a word
as is good word for edification according to the
need of the moment, say that, it will give grace
to those who hear**

Wisdom, Knowledge Precedes Obedience

**Psalm 119:33 Teach me, the way of Your
statutes, Lord, And I shall observe it to the end.**

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Psalm 119:34 Give me understanding, so that I may observe with Your Law And keep it with all my heart.

Psalm 119:34 (The Living Bible) 'Just tell me what to do and I will do it, Lord. As long as I live I'll wholeheartedly obey.

Psalm 119:35 (The Living Bible) Make me walk along the right paths for I know how delightful they really are.'