

## **WALK IN WISDOM**

*“See, then, that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore, be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is.”*  
(Ephesians 5:15 – 17)

### ➤ **WISDOM and the GODHEAD**

As revealed in scripture, wisdom is manifested in each Person of the Godhead:

#### **God, the Father**

- Romans 1:33. Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!
- 1 Corinthians 2:7. But, we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.

#### **God, the Son**

- 1 Corinthians 1:30. But, of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption.
- Colossians 2:2, 3. That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ, In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

#### **God, the Holy Spirit**

- Isaiah 11:2. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

### ➤ **JOB’S SEARCH FOR WISDOM**

**Job 28:12 – 28.**

<sup>12</sup>But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? <sup>13</sup>Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup>The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me. <sup>15</sup>It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof

<sup>16</sup>It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. <sup>17</sup>The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. <sup>18</sup>No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

<sup>19</sup>The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold. <sup>20</sup>Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding? <sup>21</sup>Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air. <sup>22</sup>Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

<sup>23</sup>God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof. <sup>24</sup>For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven; <sup>25</sup>To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure. <sup>26</sup>When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder: <sup>27</sup>Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out. <sup>28</sup>And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

## ➤ **WHAT JOB REVEALS ABOUT WISDOM**

### **Its value**

- Man does not know its value
- Wisdom cannot be bought
- Wisdom is of more value than precious stones and jewels.

### **Its location**

- Wisdom is not located in earth
- Wisdom is not located in the depths
- Wisdom is not located in the sea
- Wisdom is hidden from man
- Wisdom is hidden from the fowls

### **Its fame**

- Destruction and death know of wisdom's fame

### **Its source**

- Wisdom is found in God, alone

### **Its definition**

- Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom

## ➤ **WISDOM'S ATTRIBUTES AS DESCRIBED - PROVERBS 8:1 - 21**

<sup>1</sup>Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? <sup>2</sup>She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. <sup>3</sup>She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. <sup>4</sup>Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. <sup>5</sup>O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

<sup>6</sup>Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things. <sup>7</sup>For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my

lips. <sup>8</sup>All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. <sup>9</sup>They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. <sup>10</sup>Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

<sup>11</sup>For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. <sup>12</sup>I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. <sup>13</sup>The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. <sup>14</sup>Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. <sup>15</sup>By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

<sup>16</sup>By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. <sup>17</sup>I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. <sup>18</sup>Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. <sup>19</sup>My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. <sup>20</sup>I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: <sup>21</sup>That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

### ➤ **JESUS CHRIST is WISDOM - PROVERBS 8:22 – 31**

<sup>22</sup>The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. <sup>23</sup>I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. <sup>24</sup>When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup>Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: <sup>26</sup>While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. <sup>27</sup>When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

<sup>28</sup>When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: <sup>29</sup>When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth <sup>30</sup>Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; <sup>31</sup>Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

### ➤ **HOW DOES A WISE MAN WALK**

#### **Ephesians 5:15 – 17**

- *Walks circumspectly*
- *Does not walk as a fool*
- *Redeems the time*
- *Understands the Lord's will*

**Psalm 90:12.** So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

*A wise man walks in view of the fact that life on earth is temporary.*

**James 1:5.** “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and ubraideth not, and it shall be given him.

*A wise man knows that wisdom comes from God, and he asks God for it.*

**Matthew 7:24.** Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a rock.

*A wise man hears God’s Word and obeys it.*

**Galatians 6:7.** Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

*A wise man knows that there are consequences to all of his actions.*

**Romans 14:12.** So, then, every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

*A wise man knows that he will one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ and give an account of himself.*

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