

The

SUFFICIENCY

of God



Job 28:9-15

⁹ Man's hand assaults the flinty rock and lays bare the roots of the mountains.¹⁰ He tunnels through the rock; his eyes see all its treasures.¹¹ He searches the sources of the rivers and brings hidden things to light.¹² "But where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell?"¹³ Man does not comprehend its worth; it cannot be found in the land of the living.¹⁴ The deep says, 'It is not in me'; the sea says, 'It is not with me.'¹⁵ It cannot be bought with the finest gold, nor can its price be weighed in silver ...

Job 28:20-28

"Where then does wisdom come from? Where does understanding dwell? ²¹ It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing, concealed even from the birds of the air.²² Destruction and Death say, 'Only a rumor of it has reached our ears.' ²³ God understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells,²⁴ for he views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.²⁵ When he established the force of the wind and measured out the waters,²⁶ when he made a decree for the rain and a path for the thunderstorm,²⁷ then he looked at wisdom and appraised it; he confirmed it and tested it. ²⁸ And he said to man, 'The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.' "

What is wisdom?

Two common Hebrew words:

chokmah-mastery

*Putting to use what you know
so you get things done.*



What is wisdom?

Two common Hebrew words:

Biynah—understanding

Insight into how things work.



What is wisdom?

Wisdom is not just knowledge of facts.

Rather wisdom is knowing what to do
with the facts once you get them.





I. Why Is Wisdom Important?

1
Wisdom is
knowing yourself.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; Proverbs 3:7

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2
Wisdom is knowing
times and the
seasons

"I, Wisdom, live together with good judgment. I know where to discover knowledge and discernment. Proverbs 8:12

I. Why Is Wisdom Important?

3
Wisdom is
understanding
that life is complex
not simple.

Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate
on understanding. Proverbs 2:2

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Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper. Proverbs 13:4

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A poor person's farm may produce much food,
but injustice sweeps it all away. Proverbs 13:23



II. Wisdom Comes From God

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Job 28:24

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He established the force of the
wind and measured out the waters
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and a path for the thunderstorm ..."

Job 28:25

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Therefore **you can't figure**
all of life out, and therefore
you can't control
all the things in your life.



"... in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28



II. Wisdom Comes From God

No human wisdom or understanding or plan can stand against the Lord.

Proverbs 21:30

III. How can you get wisdom?

'The fear of the Lord—
that is wisdom, ...

Job 28:28

4 Times in the Bible it says...

"...the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom..."

III. How can you get wisdom?

"But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared." Psalm 130:4





Musée de l'Orangerie Paris

Monet's Water Lilies





III. How can you get wisdom?

"Be still and know that I am
God." Psalm 46:10



III. How can you get wisdom?

“Well then, if you are the Son of God, save yourself and come down from the cross!”

Matthew 27:40



III. How can you get wisdom?

And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus. Ephesians 3:6

III. How can you get wisdom?

"Be God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:10,11



