

III. How can you get wisdom?

²⁸And He said to man, 'The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.' " Job 28:28

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

A better way to talk about fear of the Lord is the idea of awe and reverence. The idea of stillness before Him.

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

Whenever bad things happen to you, only God can see the beginning from the end, and so what are you going to do?

Be still and revere God because He sees it all.

Do you know **what the secularist says** when suffering comes?

"I live any way I want, and if by chance there is a god, this proves I can't trust him."

That's not being still.

Do you know what the **religious person**, the moralist, the name it and claim it crowd say when they suffer?

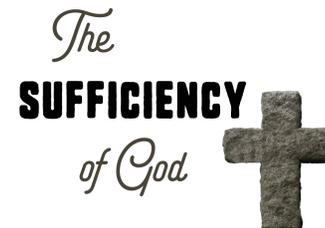
They pray and demand, *"You have to give me my healing. You can't let them die. You can't let this happen. I know you won't."*

That's not being still.

What does it mean to be still before God in suffering?

It's to say, *"Lord, I'm in pain and I don't understand this, but you're God and I'm not. I'm going to trust you. I'm going to keep obeying you. Please make it be over, but thy will be done."*

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Wisdom-What is it and Where is it Found?

This is a poem in the middle of the book of Job.

Job 28:9-15- 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.' "

I. Why Wisdom is Important.

What is wisdom?

Two common Hebrew words for Wisdom.

Chokmah- which means *mastery*. Putting to use what you know.

Biynah-for *understanding*. Insight, into how things work.

Wisdom is not just knowledge of facts.

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

In Proverbs, the idea of wisdom is spoken about a lot.

These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise.
Proverbs 1:1, 2

Proverbs three aspects to wisdom

1st Wisdom is knowing yourself.

Do not be wise in your own eyes;
The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

Proverbs 3:7

Proverbs 12:15

2nd Wisdom is knowing the times and seasons.

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

Proverbs 8:12

3rd Understanding that life is complex not simple.

Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper.

Proverbs 13:4

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

Proverbs 13:23

The reality in Proverbs is not written as a book of facts or promise

What Proverbs actually states is how life usually works.

That's what meant by the complexity in wisdom

II. Wisdom comes from God.

1. There is true wisdom somewhere and it's God.

"... it cannot be found in the land of the living."
Job 28:13

"It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing ..."
Job 28:21

"God understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells ..."
Job 28:23

2. Only God can see the whole thing.

²⁴ for he views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.

Job 28:24

"... He established the force of the wind and measured out the waters ... He made a decree for the rain and a path for the thunderstorm ..."
Job 28:25

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

You can do everything right and sometimes things won't go right.

The Bible tells us three facts, that in wisdom you have to place in the right order and then you'll see why things are so complex.

Creation. God made a good, orderly world.

Fall- there are all kinds of things in the world that God didn't originally put here, like death, suffering, disease, hunger, war.

Redemption- God has not left us to ourselves.

"... in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
Romans 8:28