

WISDOM IN PROVERBS/JOB

For the LORD gives wisdom;
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.
He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
(Prov 2:6-7)

The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom;
And with all your acquiring, get understanding.
“Prize her, and she will exalt you;
She will honor you if you embrace her. (Prov 4:7-8)

I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
And I find knowledge and discretion.
“The fear of the LORD is to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way
And the perverted mouth, I hate.
“Counsel is mine and sound wisdom;
I am understanding, power is mine. (Prov 8:12-14)

I love those who love me;
And those who diligently seek me will find me. (Prov 8:17)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (Prov 9:10)

On the lips of the discerning, wisdom is found ... (Prov 10:13)

The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom... (Prov 10:31)

When pride comes, then comes dishonor,
But with the humble is wisdom. (Prov 11:2)

Through insolence comes nothing but strife,
But wisdom is with those who receive counsel. (Prov 13:10)

The wisdom of the sensible is to understand his way... (Prov 14:8)

Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding ... (Prov 14:33)

The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom,
And before honor comes humility. (Prov 15:33)

Wisdom is in the presence of the one who has understanding ... (Prov 17:24)

With Him are wisdom and might;
To Him belong counsel and understanding. (Job 12:13)

Job chapter 28 forms an additional speech by Job, although some argue that it comes from the writer of the book. The mood of the chapter is not despair, but wisdom; it anticipates the divine speeches in the end of the book. This poem, like many psalms in the Bible, has a refrain (vv. 12 and 20). These refrains outline the chapter, giving three sections: there is no known road to wisdom (1-11); no price can buy it (12-19); and only God has it, and only by revelation can man possess it (20-28). NET

WISDOM SUMMARY :

Comes from the LORD
Is for the upright
Begins by: acquiring wisdom
Dwells with the prudent
Finds knowledge and discretion
Hates pride, arrogance, the evil way and the perverted mouth
Is understanding
Has power
Is found by those who diligently seek it
Begins by fearing the LORD
Is found on the lips of the discerning
Flows from the mouth of the righteous
Is with the humble
Is with those who receive counsel
(Of the sensible) is to understand his way
Rests in the heart of and is in the presence of those who have understanding
Is instructed by the fear of the LORD
Is granted by God

WISDOM IN THE NT

WISDOM = “the capacity to understand and function accordingly, wisdom . . . wisdom that God imparts to those who are close to God” (BDAG)

CHRIST

to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.(1 Corinth 1:24)

But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption (1Corinth 1:30)

in whom [JC] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.(Col 2:3)

OTHER NT USAGES:

The patriarchs became jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt. Yet God was with him, and rescued him from all his afflictions, and granted him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he made him governor over Egypt and all his household. (Acts 7:9-10)

For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1Corinth 1:22-24)

But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD." (1 Corinth 1:30)

[Paul's prayer] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.(Eph 1:17)

[Paul's prayer] For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.(Col 1:9-12)

in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom [BDAG: wisdom of Christ] and knowledge.(Col 2:3)

and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (2Tim 3:15)

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting... (Jam 1:5-6)

Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.(Jam 3:13)

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.(Jas 3:17-18)

WISDOM SUMMARY (NT):

Of God is Christ

From God is what Christ became

(a spirit of) may be given by God

(spiritual) may fill us

all it's treasures are hidden in Christ

Is found in knowing the sacred writings which leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus

Is given to those who ask God in faith without any doubting

Is first pure, then peaceable

Is gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits

Is unwavering, without hypocrisy