

Part 35 – The Sovereignty of Our God-The Book of Job

The Three S's of Wisdom

Job 28:1-28

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Proverbs 3:13-19 How blessed is the man who finds wisdom And the man who gains understanding.

¹⁴ For her profit is better than **the profit of silver**
And her gain better than fine gold.

¹⁵ She is **more precious than jewels;**
And nothing you desire compares with her.

¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
In her left hand are riches and honor.

¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways
And all her paths are peace.

¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her,
And happy are all who hold her fast.

¹⁹ **The Lord by wisdom founded the earth,**
By understanding He established the heavens.



1 Kings 3:5-9 In Gibeon the Lord appeared to **Solomon in a dream at night**; and God said, "Ask what you wish Me to give you."

⁶ Then Solomon said, "You have shown great lovingkindness to Your servant David my father, **according as he walked before You in truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart toward You**; and You have reserved for him this great lovingkindness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

⁷ Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, **yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.**

⁸ Your servant is in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted.

⁹ **So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"**

First Section Verses 1-11:

The SEARCH for Wisdom

Job 28 "Surely there is a mine for **silver**

And a place where they refine **gold**.

² "Iron is taken from the dust,

And copper is smelted from rock.

³ "Man puts an end to darkness,

And to the farthest limit he searches out

The rock in gloom and deep shadow.

⁴ "He sinks a shaft far from habitation,

Forgotten by the foot;

They hang and swing to and fro far from men.

⁵ "The earth, from it comes food,

And underneath it is turned up as fire.

⁶ "Its rocks are the source of sapphires,

And its dust contains gold.

⁷ "**The path** no bird of prey knows,

Nor has the falcon's eye caught sight of it.

⁸ "The proud beasts have not trodden it,

Nor has the fierce lion passed over it.

⁹ "He puts his hand on the flint;

He overturns the mountains at the base.

¹⁰ "He hews out channels through the rocks,

And his eye sees anything precious.

¹¹ "He dams up the streams from flowing,
And what is hidden he brings out to the light.

Second Section Verses 12-22: The SERIOUSNESS of Wisdom

¹² "**BUT where can wisdom be found?**

And **where** is the place of understanding?

¹³ "**Man does not know its value,**

Nor is **it** found in the land of the living.

¹⁴ "The deep says, '**It** is not in me';

And the sea says, '**It** is not with me.'

¹⁵ "Pure gold cannot be given in exchange for **it**,

Nor can silver be weighed as **its** price.

¹⁶ "**It** cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,

In precious onyx, or sapphire.

¹⁷ "Gold or glass cannot equal **it**,

Nor can **it** be exchanged for articles of fine gold.

¹⁸ "Coral and crystal are not to be mentioned;

And the acquisition of wisdom is above that of pearls. *To grasp to seize to
hold*

¹⁹ "The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal **it**,

Nor can **it** be valued in pure gold.

²⁰ "Where then does wisdom come from?
And where is the place of understanding?

²¹ "Thus **it** is **hidden from the eyes of all living**
And concealed from the birds of the sky.

²² "Abaddon and Death say,
'With our ears we have heard a report of **it**.'

Third Section verses 23-28:
The STARTING POINT for Wisdom

²³ "**God** understands **its** way,
And He knows **its** place.

²⁴ "For **He** looks to the ends of the earth
And sees everything under the heavens.

²⁵ "When **He** imparted weight to the wind
And meted out the waters by measure,

²⁶ When **He** set a limit for the rain
And a course for the thunderbolt,

²⁷ Then **He** saw **it** and declared **it**;
He established **it** and also **searched it out**.

²⁸ "**And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that IS wisdom;**
And to depart from evil IS understanding.'"

2 Timothy 2:14-26 Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers.

¹⁵ **Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.**

¹⁶ **But avoid worldly and empty chatter,** for it will lead to further ungodliness,

¹⁷ and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ men who have **gone astray from the truth** saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

¹⁹ Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, **“The Lord knows those who are His,”** and, “Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.”

²⁰ Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor.

²¹ Therefore, **if anyone cleanses himself from these things,** he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

²² Now flee from youthful lusts and **pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace,** with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

²³ But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels.

²⁴ The Lord’s bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged,

²⁵ with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, **IF perhaps God may grant them repentance** leading to the knowledge of the truth,

²⁶ and they **may** come to **their senses and escape from the snare of the devil**, having been held captive by him to do his will.