



JUNIOR HIGH BIBLE MEMORY: THE WISDOM OF GOD

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I. GOD ALONE IS THE SOURCE OF WISDOM.

A. Wisdom is with God. Job 12:12-13

12 With the ancient *is* wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

13 With him *is* wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.

B. By wisdom God founded the earth. Proverbs 3:19

The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

C. God's wisdom is beyond man's understanding. Romans 11:33-34

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

D. The wisdom of God is personified in Christ. I Corinthians 1:23-24

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

E. God's wisdom, salvation in Christ, was a mystery before its revelation. I Corinthians 2:7-8

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

F. God's Word gives wisdom. Psalm 119:130

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

G. God's wisdom is perfect and easily entreated. James 3:17

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

H. God's wisdom will prevail over man's wisdom. I Corinthians 1:27-29

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

II. GOD GRANTS HIS WISDOM TO MAN BEGINNING AT SALVATION AND CONTINUING AS THE CHRISTIAN SEEKS IT.

A. Man must reject the world's wisdom and believe God's wisdom at salvation. I Corinthians 1:20-21

20 Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

B. Wisdom has been revealed to man through the Scriptures by the Holy Spirit. I Corinthians 2:13; II Timothy 3:16

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

C. Wisdom begins with fearing the Lord and departing from evil. Psalms 111:10; Job 28:28

10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

D. Wisdom comes from seeking God. Proverbs 28:5

Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all *things*.

E. Wisdom comes from desiring and seeking it. Proverbs 18:1

Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom.



F. It is God's will that the Christian be filled with wisdom. Colossians 1:9-10

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

G. Wisdom may be petitioned from God. James 1:5

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

H. Wisdom is gained from hearing and receiving instruction. Proverbs 19:20

Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

I. Wisdom can be forsaken. Proverbs 4:13

Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

III. TRUE WISDOM DOES NOT EXIST APART FROM GOD.

A. Wisdom is not found in human existence. Job 28:12-13

12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where *is* the place of understanding?

13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

B. Wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. I Corinthians 3:19

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

C. The natural man cannot discern God's wisdom. I Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

D. God's plan of salvation is foolish in the eyes of man. I Corinthians 1:18

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

E. The reasonings of the worldly wise are vain. I Corinthians 3:20

And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

F. Wisdom is not synonymous with importance or age. Job 32:9

Great men are not *always* wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

G. Wisdom apart from God increases grief. Ecclesiastes 1:18

For in much wisdom *is* much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

H. Wisdom apart from God will not stand. Proverbs 21:30

There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

I. Man's wisdom ends in death. Proverbs 14:12, 16:25

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IV. WISDOM IS A GOD-GIVEN POSSESSION THAT SHAPES A JOYOUS, RIGHTEOUS LIFE.

A. Wisdom is a preserver of life. Proverbs 2:10-11

10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

B. Wisdom is a defense. Ecclesiastes 7:12

For wisdom *is* a defence, *and* money *is* a defence: but the excellency of knowledge *is, that* wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

C. Wisdom is a guide. Ecclesiastes 10:10

If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom *is* profitable to direct.

D. Wisdom is more valuable than wealth. Proverbs 8:10-11

10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

11 For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.



- E. Wisdom is exercising discernment between good and evil, good and better. Philippians 1:9-10; Hebrews 5:14**
9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment;
10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;
14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
- F. Wisdom teaches self-control. Proverbs 11:12**
He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.
- G. Wisdom promotes health and long life. Proverbs 4:20-22**
20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
22 For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
- H. Wisdom values eternity. Psalm 90:12**
So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.