



SENIOR 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 should be the principal goal in the life of the Christian. Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

H. 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.

I. 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.

J. Wisdom proceeds from the Christian's heart to his speech. Proverbs 16:23

The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

K. 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. Man's wisdom can pervert him. Isaiah 47:10

For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me.

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

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

J. Wisdom in one's own eyes brings woe. Isaiah 5:21

Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

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

14 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.
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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 peace. Proverbs 3:17

Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.



- C. Wisdom is strength. Proverbs 24:5**
A wise man *is* strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.
- D. Wisdom is stability. Isaiah 33:6**
And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, *and* strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD *is* his treasure.
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. Wisdom is obedience. Matthew 7:24**
Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
- H. 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.
- I. Wisdom is sweet to the soul. Proverbs 24:13-14**
13 My son, eat thou honey, because *it is* good; and the honeycomb, *which is* sweet to thy taste:
14 So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul: when thou hast found *it*, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.
- J. Wisdom is sincere, yet practical. Matthew 10:16**
Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.
- K. Wisdom is winning souls. Daniel 12:3; Proverbs 11:30**
3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.
30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.
- L. Wisdom is living as an example of Christ to the unsaved. Colossians 4:5**
Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.
- M. Wisdom is using our life and time to bring honor to God. Ephesians 5:15-17**
15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.
- N. 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.
- O. Wisdom glories only in the Lord. Jeremiah 9:23-24**
23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches:
24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD.
- P. Wisdom seeks counsel. Proverbs 1:5**
A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:
- Q. Wisdom accepts reproof. Proverbs 17:10**
A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.
- R. Wisdom teaches self-control. Proverbs 11:12**
He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.
- S. Wisdom teaches the foolishness of mischief. Proverbs 10:23**
It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.
- T. Wisdom teaches that humility comes before honor. Proverbs 15:33**
The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.



U. Wisdom teaches the principle of saving. Proverbs 21:20

There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

V. Wisdom received commendation. Proverbs 12:8

A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.

W. Wisdom promotes health and long life. Proverbs 4:20-22; Proverbs 9:10-11

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.

10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

X. Wisdom gains favor. Proverbs 13:14-15

14 The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors *is* hard.

Y. Wisdom establishes and furnishes the Christian home. Proverbs 24:3-4

3 Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:

4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Z. Wisdom values eternity. Psalm 90:12

So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.