

## **11-23-2011 WISDOM**

To have WISDOM is to have knowledge. To have knowledge is bliss. I'm Ken Trahan & Welcome to Walking in the Word with Williams Blvd. Baptist Church.

In my New King James Bible, there are 13 passages that deal with WISDOM. Today, we focus on Proverbs Chapters 8 & 9 which are commentaries on the Excellence of WISDOM & the Way of WISDOM.

Starting in Proverbs 8:1: "Does not WISDOM cry out, & understanding lift up her voice?" Verse 10: "Receive my instruction & not silver, & knowledge rather than choice gold; For WISDOM is better than rubles, & all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

I, WISDOM, dwell with prudence, & find out knowledge & discretion." God is the way to WISDOM. He is WISDOM, verse 32: "Now therefore, listen to me, my children, for blessed are those who keep My ways. Hear instruction & be wise, & do not disdain it. Blessed is the man who listens to Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of My doors."

Proverbs 9:1 begins: "WISDOM has built her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars." Verse 10: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of WISDOM, & the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, & years of your life will be added to you."

WISDOM was present at creation & works with God, who approves of those who listen to WISDOM'S counsel. WISDOM should affect every aspect of our entire lives, from beginning to end with God's influence. WISDOM is fundamental in our lives. It is the foundation on which all life is built.

WISDOM personified claims credit for everything God has created. God used His eternal WISDOM in creating all things. WISDOM is the source of life. In the Daily Worship book titled, "WISDOM from the Proverbs," there is a parable-type story of the everyday struggles that we all encounter, a short reflection on how they all relate to each other. Here's the text:

"A powerful businessman was always looking for ways to cut corners. Any shortcut & cost-cutting methods he could find, he would use. It didn't matter whether or not the cuts hurt quality or endangered employees.

All that mattered was making the most money for the least cost. For a while, things worked well, but as time passed, more & more people lost faith in the products that the man's companies produced & finally, he faced financial ruin. All the shortcuts he took seemed to lead to the reward he desired, but in fact, they destroyed the hope of reaching his dream.

There are no shortcuts to WISDOM. The knowledge of the heart comes to us from patience, experience & prayerful reflection. God wishes this WISDOM for all of His children, but it comes only over time.

Patience is a difficult virtue to obtain, but its rewards are greater than we can begin to comprehend. Shortcuts may look promising but it is the person who learns the benefits of waiting who is on the road to true WISDOM. It is pleasing to God when He sees us grow spiritually & the best way we can show that growth is to yield to Jesus, 'Not my will be done, O Father, but yours be done, now & forever, Amen.'

"Keep my feet on the right path, O Lord. Keep me from straying onto roads which seem to be easier to travel, but lead to nowhere. As long as your light shines forth before me, I know that all will be well. Amen!"

As James 1:5 tells us, "if any of you lacks WISDOM, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally & without reproach & it will be given to him." As Jesus was young & growing, His Mother found Him in the temple, Luke 2:48: "Your father & \* have sought you anxiously. & Jesus said to them, 'why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?'" Verse 52: "& Jesus increased in WISDOM & stature & in favor with God & men."

To gain WISDOM, seek the truth of Christ. It will make you wise beyond your years! For a text copy, e-mail me @ [kentrahan@aol.com](mailto:kentrahan@aol.com) & ask for WISDOM. For Pastor Tim Williams, thanks for joining us. I'm Ken Trahan. God bless you!