

True Wisdom

Job 28:12-28

12 But

1. where shall wisdom be found? and
2. where is the place of understanding?

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

14 The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.

15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.

18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

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1. Whence then cometh wisdom? and
2. where is the place of understanding?

21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven;

25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:

27 Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

28 And **unto man he said, Behold,**

1. the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and
2. to depart from evil is understanding.
 - a. **Psalms 111:10**
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.
 - b. **Proverbs 1:7**
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
 - c. **Proverbs 15:33**
The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

Ecclesiastes 7:23-24

23 All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise: but it was far from me.

24 That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out?

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

18 For the preaching (**yoç**) of the cross is to them that (**Pres. Part. - are perishing**) perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved (**Pres. Pass. Part. - being saved**) it is the power of God.

*First the word preaching is not the typical word that you would associate with preaching like **σω** or **ζω** Literally it is the Word of the cross is silliness or foolishness to those who are perishing both saved and unsaved. This word or preaching of the cross is also not only inclusive of the typical view and presentation of the cross but it also presents discipleship and obedience to the Word and will of the Father. The idea of the cross denotes discipleship and obedience and is shown in the following references. (cf. **Matthew 10:38-39, Matthew 16:24-27, Luke 14:26-35, Philippians 2:8-16, Philippians 3:10-21**)*

- **1 Peter 2:21-25**

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

19 For it is written, I

- will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and
- will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

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- "Cited literally from the Septuagint, Isa. 29:14, except that the Septuagint has *ψω I will conceal*, instead of *I will reject*. The Hebrew reads: 'The wisdom of its (Judah's) wise men shall perish, and the sagacity of its sagacious men shall hide itself.'" **VWS**

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1. Where is the wise?
2. where is the scribe?
3. where is the disputer of this world?
 - a. hath not God made foolish (*μυπαίvw*) the wisdom of this world?

21 For ~~after that~~ (**Correctly – seeing that**) in the wisdom of God the world ~~by~~ (**through its**) wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. (**Pres. Act. Part. – are believing**)

22 For

1. the Jews require a sign, and
2. the Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 But we preach Christ crucified,

1. unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and
2. unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ

1. the power of God, and
2. the wisdom of God.

Luke 14:25-35

25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

26 If any man come to me, and hate not his

1. father, and
2. mother, and
3. wife, and
4. children, and
5. brethren, and
6. sisters, yea, and
7. his own life also,
 - a. **he cannot be my disciple.**

This is a figure of speech called Polysyndeton or Many-Ands. Figures of Speech Used In The Bible by E.W. Bullinger

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, **all that behold it begin to mock him,**

30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

34 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, (*μυπαίvw*) wherewith shall it be seasoned?

35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 5:13-16

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, (*μυπαίvw*) wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but

1. to be cast out, and
2. to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

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16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may

1. see your good works, and
2. glorify your Father which is in heaven.

a. **Mark 9:49-50**

49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it?

1. Have salt in yourselves, and
2. have peace one with another.

Romans 1:18-32

18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19) Because that which may be known (Ϛ) [that which is knowable] of God is manifest in (apparent with) them; for God hath shewed [it] unto them.

“...for anything is known only so far as it is of importance to the person knowing , and has an influence on him, an thus a personal relationship is established between the knowing subject and the object known...” Biblico-Theological Lexicon Of New Testament Greek by Hermann Cremer D.D.

20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: (ϒητος) [Lit. Without defense or excuse]

21) Because that, when they knew (σκω) God, they glorified [him] not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain (in their imaginations), and (their foolish heart) was darkened.

22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, (μωραι να)

23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God (into an image) made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24) Wherefore God also gave them up { - to give into the hands (of another) } (to uncleanness) through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25) Who changed the truth of God (into a lie), and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26) For this cause God gave them up { } (unto vile affections): for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27) And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28) And even as they did not like to retain God in [their] knowledge, (}) God gave them over { } (to a reprobate mind), to do those things which are not convenient;

29-31) Being filled with all unrighteousness,

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| 1. fornication | 13. proud (<i>Unreasonable conceit of one's merits such as person, achievements, talents, or accomplishments</i>) |
| 2. covetousness | 14. boasters (<i>an empty pretender</i>) |
| 3. maliciousness | 15. inventors of evil things |
| 4. full of envy | 16. disobedient to parents (<i>Non compliant</i>) |
| 5. murder | 17. Without understanding (<i>Stupid</i>) |
| 6. debate (<i>Strife</i>) | 18. covenantbreakers |
| 7. deceit | 19. without natural affection (<i>Unloving</i>) |
| 8. malignity (<i>Deep rooted spite</i>) | 20. implacable (<i>not capable of being appeased</i>) |
| 9. whisperers (<i>Secret slanderer</i>) | 21. unmerciful |
| 10. Backbiters (<i>Slanderer</i>) | |
| 11. haters of God | |
| 12. spiteful (<i>Overbearing, domineering</i>) | |

32) Who knowing (}) the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Matthew 25:1-13

The Ten Virgins

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the (*bride and the bridegroom – in Preshetta*) bridegroom.

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2 And

1. five of them were wise,
2. and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, **they all**

1. slumbered and (**ϋσπ άζω – fell asleep**)
2. slept. (**καθε ύδω – continued sleeping**)

6 And **at midnight** there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then **all** those virgins

1. arose, and
2. trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone (**Lit. going**) out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage (**Wedding Feast**): and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, (**Vocative Case**) open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

- **Proverbs 23:23**

Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

- **Proverbs 24:3-4**

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- Through (**by**) wisdom is an house builded; and
- by understanding it is established: And
- by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

- **Proverbs 17:24**

Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.

We see in the picture of this parable three groups rather than just two. We see the bride, the five wise virgins, and the five foolish virgins. Is this idea further pointed out by these references?

- **Revelation 17:14 Destruction of the beast by the glorious appearing of the Lord Jesus the Christ**

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are **called**, and **chosen**, and **faithful**.

Leviticus 10:1-11

Trying to combine that which is Holy with that which is Common results in Death

1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered **strange fire** before the LORD, which he commanded them not.

2 And **there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.**

3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace. (**Cf. Matthew 22:12**)

4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, **Carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.**

5 So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said.

6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, **Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people:** but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled.

7 And **ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die:** for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying,

9 Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:

10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;

11 And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

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- **Leviticus 16:12-13**

12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil:

13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not:

- **Numbers 16:46**

And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.

James 3:13-18

Heavenly Wisdom compared with Earthly Wisdom

13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is

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| 1. first pure, | 5. full of mercy and good fruits, |
| 2. then peaceable, | 6. without partiality, and |
| 3. gentle, and | 7. without hypocrisy. |
| 4. easy to be intreated, | |

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Ephesians 5:14-33

14 Wherefore he saith, **Awake** thou that sleepest, and **arise** from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

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.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled** with the Spirit;

19 **Speaking** to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 **Giving thanks** always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

21 **Submitting** yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

22 **Wives**, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

25 **Husbands**, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Ephesians 6:1-18

1 **Children**, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4 And, ye **fathers**, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

5 **Servants**, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

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8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

9 And, ye **masters**, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

- **Colossians 3:1-25**

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 **Set your affection on things above**, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

5 **Mortify therefore your members** which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

8 But now ye also **put off all these**; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

12 **Put on** therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

15 And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts**, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly** in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

18 **Wives**, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

19 **Husbands**, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

20 **Children**, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

21 **Fathers**, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

22 **Servants**, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

Colossians 4:1

Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

- **1 Peter 3:1-12**

1 Likewise, ye **wives**, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

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7 Likewise, ye **husbands**, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

Proverbs 4:5-9

5 **Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.**

6 **Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.**

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

8 **Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.**

9 **She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.**

Psalms 51:6

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part **thou shalt make me to know wisdom.**

Colossians 4:5

Walk (in wisdom) toward them that are without, **redeeming** the time.