

WCBC SERMON NOTES - APRIL 14, 2019

TOPIC: TWELVE OT PRAYERS THAT CONNECT

Sermon 5: *A Prayer For Wisdom!*

TEXT: I Kings 3:5-14

INTRO: What is biblical wisdom?

The noun "*wisdom*" comes from the Hebrew word, "hokma," meaning, "experience or shrewdness." This word appears 141 times in the OT. It also refers to technical skills or special abilities in fashioning something (Exodus 35:31), and the knowledge and ability to make the right choices at the appropriate time!

Note: v. 7b, "*little child*," Hebrew word, "na'ar," meaning, "young man"

I. GODLY WISDOM IS SUPREME: Proverbs 4:7

1. It is far better than worldly wisdom - I Cor. 1:18-25

Note: Job 38:36 indicates that God is the source of all wisdom, be it godly wisdom or worldly (man's) wisdom!

A. The Word of God is THE source of godly wisdom - II Timothy 3:15

Note: If you want to be truly wise, read and apply God's Word in your life. Start with the Book of Proverbs!

2. It is far better than worldly wealth -Prov. 8:11; 16:16

Note: 8:11: "*rubies*"= In the ancient world, rubies were the most priceless jewels, but they are considered of lesser value than wisdom!

- Graduation Card!

A. Money cannot and will not satisfy - Eccl. 5:10

B. Money will not give security - I Tim. 6:17-18

C. Money will be left behind - I Tim. 6:7

"A truly wise man will diligently seek for godly wisdom and not for worldly wealth!"

II. GODLY WISDOM WILL MAKE US GET ALONG WELL IN THE WORLD: Proverbs 8:14-16 cf. I Kings 3:7b-9

1. It will give us the power to choose wisely -I Ki. 3:9a

Note: Always seek the counsel of wise, godly Christians!

2. It will cause us to live righteously - James 3:17,18

3. It will preserve the life of the wise - Eccl. 7:12

Note: Here, our "sanctified common sense" is very much involved!

CONCLUSION: Godly wisdom is available today!

An Arab Proverb On Wisdom!

He that knows not and knows not that he knows not;

He is a fool - shun him!

He that knows not and knows that he knows not;

He is simple - teach him!

He that knows and knows not that he knows;

He is asleep - wake him!

He that knows and knows that he knows;

He is a wise man - follow him!

- Gospel Herald

Verse For Today

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him!" James 1:5

Food For Thought

"Wisdom is the ability to see with discernment, to view life as God perceives it! - Charles Swindoll

