



The WISDOM of God

Job 28

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“Where can wisdom be found?” – Job 28:12

“Where does wisdom come from” – Job 28:20

A. Job 28 – Truths about Godly Wisdom

1. You cannot mine Godly Wisdom. (vv. 1-11)

Job 28:1–3, NASB95 -¹ “Surely there is a mine for silver And a place where they refine gold.”² “Iron is taken from the dust, And copper is smelted from rock.”³ “Man puts an end to darkness, And to the farthest limit he searches out The rock in gloom and deep shadow?”

Proverbs 8:11, NIV84 -¹¹ for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

Proverbs 16:16, NIV84 -¹⁶ How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!

2. You cannot buy Godly Wisdom. (vv. 12-19)

Job 28:15–19, NASB95 -¹⁵ “Pure gold cannot be given in exchange for it, Nor can silver be weighed as its price.”¹⁶ “It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, In precious onyx, or sapphire.”¹⁷ “Gold or glass cannot equal it, Nor can it be exchanged for articles of fine gold.”¹⁸ “Coral and crystal are not to be mentioned; And the acquisition of wisdom is above that of pearls.”¹⁹ “The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it, Nor can it be valued in pure gold.”

3. You get Godly Wisdom from God alone. (vv. 20-28)

Job 28:20–23, NASB95 -²⁰ “Where then does wisdom come from? And where is the place of understanding?”²¹ “Thus it is hidden from the eyes of all living And concealed from the birds of the sky.”²² “Abaddon and Death say, ‘With our ears we have heard a report of it.’”²³ “God understands its way, And He knows its place.”

Job 28:23, NLT -²³ “God alone understands the way to wisdom; he knows where it can be found...”

Job 28:28, NLT -²⁸ And this is what he says to all humanity: ‘The **ִירָאָה** [Heb. **יְרֵאָה**] (Yir’ah), Yir’ means a “fear” of missing something; ah means “reverence”] of the Lord is true wisdom; to forsake evil is real understanding.’”

B. The Need for Godly Wisdom

Proverbs 3:13, NASB95 -¹³ How blessed is the man who finds wisdom And the man who gains understanding.

Proverbs 24:13–14, NASB95 -¹³ My son, eat honey, for it is good, Yes, the honey from the comb is sweet to your taste; ¹⁴ Know that wisdom is thus for your soul; If you find it, then there will be a future, And your hope will not be cut off.

C. How do you get Godly Wisdom?

1. **Desire Godly wisdom with all your might!** (Proverbs 4:8; 2:4)
2. **Find Godly Wisdom in the Word of God!** (Psalm 19:7)
3. **Find Godly Wisdom through Prayer!** (Solomon in 1 Kings 3:11; Daniel in Dan. 2:23)
4. **Find Godly Wisdom by thinking frequently of your own death!** (Psalm 90:12)
5. **Find Godly Wisdom by simply asking God for it!** (James 1:5; Proverbs 2:6)

Knowledge begins with respect for the LORD,
but fools hate [Godly] wisdom and discipline. – Prov. 1:7, NCV

The word “Godly” is inserted to keep verse in context. -JKT