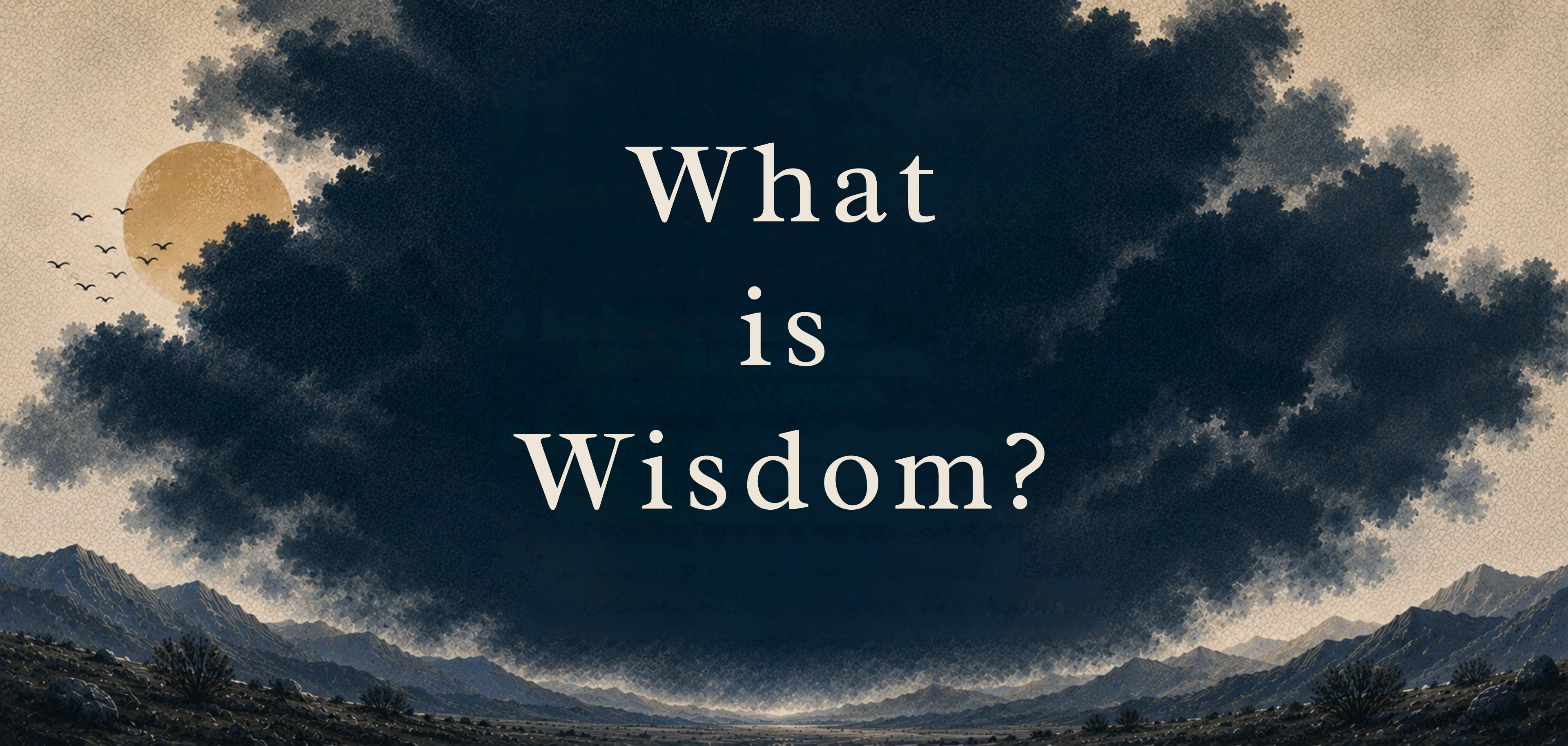


A collage-style illustration of a desert landscape. In the center, a man in a dark robe sits on the ground, looking down. The background features a large, textured sun in shades of gold and brown at the top. Below it, dark, jagged mountains are rendered with vertical brushstrokes. The foreground shows rolling hills in various shades of brown and tan, with some sparse, dry vegetation and rocks. The sky is a mix of light beige and dark blue, with several birds in flight. The overall style is layered and textured, resembling a paper collage.

# THE BOOK OF JOB

SUFFERING & THE CHARACTER OF GOD

A dramatic landscape featuring a large, glowing golden sun partially obscured by dark, heavy clouds. The sun is positioned on the left side of the frame. Below the clouds, a range of rugged mountains stretches across the horizon. The foreground shows a dark, rocky terrain with some sparse vegetation. The overall atmosphere is moody and contemplative.

What  
is  
Wisdom?

# JOB 28

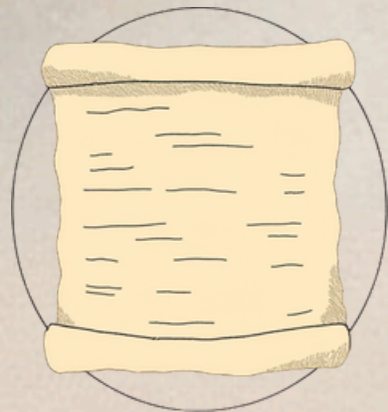
A poem amidst a tale of suffering

Authored by the narrator

We move from  
descriptive to prescriptive

## Three Parts

- 1** 1-11: The amazing ingenuity of humans
- 2** 12-19: Even though it is more valuable than anything of this earth - wisdom is still beyond our reach
- 3** 20-28: Our only access to wisdom is through God



1 "Surely there is a mine for silver,  
and a place for gold that they refine.

2 Iron is taken out of the earth,  
and copper is smelted from the ore.

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7 "That path no bird of prey knows,  
and the falcon's eye has not seen it.

8 The proud beasts have not trodden it;  
the lion has not passed over it.

**JOB 28:1-2, 7-8**

12 “But where shall wisdom be found?

And where is the place of understanding?

13 Man does not know its worth,

and it is not found in the land of the living.

14 The deep says, ‘It is not in me,’

and the sea says, ‘It is not with me.’

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22 Abaddon and Death say,

‘We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.’

**JOB 28:12-14, 22**

# Where is Wisdom Found

Not in the land of the living

Not in “the deep”

Not in the sea

Not in the place of the dead

*Abaddon/Sheol*

## Takeaway

*Wisdom cannot  
be found*



15 It cannot be bought for gold,

and silver cannot be weighed as its price.

16 It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,

in precious onyx or sapphire.

17 Gold and glass cannot equal it,

nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.

18 No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal;

the price of wisdom is above pearls.

19 The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,

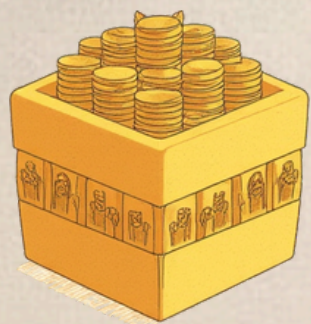
nor can it be valued in pure gold.

# JOB 28:15-19

# The Value of Wisdom

No worldly goods compare

Even if they were,  
they could not be exchanged for wisdom



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Prov 8:11

*“For wisdom is more precious than rubies,  
and nothing you desire can compare with her.”*

## Takeaway

*Wisdom cannot  
be bought*

23 “God understands the way to it,

and he knows its place.

24 For he looks to the ends of the earth

and sees everything under the heavens.

25 When he gave to the wind its weight

and apportioned the waters by measure,

26 when he made a decree for the rain

and a way for the lightning of the thunder,

27 then he saw it and declared it;

he established it, and searched it out.

28 And he said to man,

‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom,

and to turn away from evil is understanding.’”

# JOB 28:23-28



# Only God

God alone is the path to wisdom

Our task is to receive wisdom from God

The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom

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Psalm 130:4

*“But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.”*

## Takeaway

*Fear the Lord*





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## **Practice Repentance**

- Confess your sin
- Truly repent to God

## **Practice Spiritual Disciplines**

- Pray daily
- Surround yourself with God's word
- Fast
- Fellowship with godly people

## **Come Back to Godly Teachings in Times of Trials**

- Meditate on the story of Job
  - Think about his 3 friends
  - "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial..."
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