

## Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** If God is really in control, why do bad things happen to Godly people? How can an Almighty God who is good, allow so much suffering in the lives of those He loves? Why does it often feel like evil is winning, darkness is prevailing, and God isn't answering our desperate prayers for rescue. What could we possibly learn from all this? This is a Study of God's Sovereignty, People's Suffering, and the Salvation of the Redeemed.

**There's nothing more sure in life than suffering,  
and  
There's nothing more shaping in life than suffering.**

**Satan is convinced that Christians will quit trusting God when we suffer.**

**The most sacred space for worship is found while suffering without answers.**

**Job 28:1-28 (ESV) Hebrews 5:7-8 (ESV)**

**Wisdom: Competency with regard to the complexities of life.**

**Wisdom preserves us through suffering, and it is also produced through suffering.**

**Wisdom is Notably Invaluable, yet Naturally Inaccessible.**

**Wise Fear of God: Unconditional trust in His love while in the midst of suffering.**

**Wisdom allows you to absorb the shock of suffering, as well as navigate the pain.**

**Wisdom that is Tested is Wisdom that can be Trusted.**

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Who is the wisest person you know? Why do you think they are wise? Do you see a correlation between their wisdom and their past/current suffering? Explain
- 3) Read Job 28:28. Why is wisdom described as the fear of the Lord in your opinion? Have you discovered this kind of wisdom through suffering?
- 4) Have you ever struggled to recover from a recent tragedy, trial, or setback? How did your level of wisdom play into your experience? What have you learned since?
- 5) Read Hebrews 5:7-8. How has God tested your obedience through suffering? Has this made you wiser? Explain.