

The Fear of the Lord – The Beginning of Wisdom

The Fear of Lord – A deep, reverent awe and loving respect for Gods supreme power and holiness

The prophet Isaiah prophesied that the messiah would be empowered not by seven individual spirits but by the one spirit, described seven ways

- 1) The Spirit of the LORD
- 2) The Spirit of wisdom
- 3) The Spirit of understanding
- 4) The Spirit of counsel
- 5) The Spirit of power
- 6) The Spirit of knowledge
- 7) The Spirit of the fear of the Lord

But his delight will be on the fear of the Lord

(Isaiah 11:1-3 nkjv)

There shall come forth a ^[a]Rod from the ^[b]stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall ^[c]grow out of his roots. ²The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. ³His delight *is* in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

- Jesus will be empowered in the perfection of the manifold ministry of the Holy Spirit described as the 7 spirits of God
- Out of all 7 descriptions of the Holy Spirit. The bible says that The Fear of the Lord is his delight

- Isaiah prophesied that the messiah would come out from the stem of Jesse. Jesse is the father of David. Who is known as a man after God's own heart and David is the father of Solomon, a man known for his wisdom.

(1 Kings 3:10-14 nlt)

¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. ¹¹So God replied, “Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies— ¹²I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have! ¹³And I will also give you what you did not ask for—riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life! ¹⁴And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life.”

- God told Solomon that he will give him a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have
- Keeping that in mind. Look what Solomon says about wisdom

(Proverbs 4:5-9 nkjv)

Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. ⁶Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. ⁷Wisdom is the principal thing; *Therefore*, get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. ⁸Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. ⁹She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you.”

- Proverbs tells us to get wisdom because Wisdom is the principal thing and in all your getting get understanding
- the term **principal** refers to someone or something that is first in order of importance, rank or authority
- if wisdom is the principal thing, then that means it must be the first, the beginning or the foundation
- and the beginning of wisdom is the Fear of the Lord

(Proverbs 9:10 nkjv)

**“The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.**

- **Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom. (Psalms 111:10 nlt)**
- Remember, in all your getting get understanding. And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- So, the fear of the Lord is also the beginning of knowledge but fools despise wisdom and instruction

(Proverbs 1:1-7 nkjv)

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:²To know wisdom and instruction, To ^[a]perceive the words of understanding,³To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; ⁴To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion—⁵A wise *man* will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will ^[b]attain wise counsel, ⁶To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles.⁷The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

- Fools despise wisdom and instruction, but the fear of the lord is the instruction of wisdom

(Proverbs 15:33 nkjv)

The fear of the Lord *is* the instruction of wisdom, And before honor *is* humility.

- Because the days are evil, we shouldn't walk as fools but as wise that we should understand what the will of the Lord is

(Ephesians 5:15-17 nkjv)

¹⁵See then that you walk ^[e]circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*.

- Paul prays for the church in Ephesus to have spiritual wisdom that they may know what the hope of their calling is.

(Ephesians 1:15-23 nkjv)

¹⁵Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸the eyes of your ^[i]understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹far above all principality^[g] and ^[h]power and ^[i]might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

²²And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

- When you give your life to Christ, you become a new creation, a new man with a new character
- And this new man has the word of Christ dwell in them richly in all wisdom

(Colossians 3:12-17 nkjv)

¹²Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶Let 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. ¹⁷And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- Without the fear of the Lord, you won't have wisdom. And if you don't have wisdom then you won't benefit from wisdom

(Proverbs 2:1-22 nkjv)

My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you,² So that you incline your ear to wisdom, *And* apply your heart to understanding;³ Yes, if you cry out for discernment, *And* lift up your voice for understanding,⁴ If you seek her as silver, And search for her as *for* hidden treasures;⁵ Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, And find the knowledge of God.⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding;⁷ He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly;⁸ He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity *and* every good path.¹⁰ When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,¹¹ Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you,¹² To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things,¹³ From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness;¹⁴ Who rejoice in doing evil, *And* delight in the perversity of the wicked;¹⁵ Whose ways *are* crooked, And *who are* devious in their paths;¹⁶ To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the seductress *who* flatters with her words,¹⁷ Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her God.¹⁸ For her house ^[a]leads down to death, And her paths to the dead;¹⁹ None who go to her return, Nor do they ^[b]regain the paths of life—²⁰ So you may walk in the way of goodness, And keep to the paths of righteousness.²¹ For the upright will dwell in the land, And the blameless will remain in it;²² But the wicked will be ^[c]cut off from the ^[d]earth, And the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.