

WISDOM!

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Job 28.1-28 [MSG] - ¹“We all know how silver seams the rocks,
we’ve seen the stuff from which gold is refined,
We’re aware of how iron is dug out of the ground
and copper is smelted from rock.
Miners penetrate the earth’s darkness,
searching the roots of the mountains for ore,
digging away in the suffocating darkness.
Far from civilization, far from the traffic,
they cut a shaft,
and are lowered into it by ropes.

“They open up a mineshaft far from civilization, where no one has set foot. In this shaft men dangle and swing back and forth.”

Earth’s surface is a field for grain,
but its depths are a forge
Firing sapphires from stones
and chiseling gold from rocks.
Vultures are blind to its riches,
hawks never lay eyes on it.
Wild animals are oblivious to it,
lions don’t know it’s there.
Miners hammer away at the rock,
they uproot the mountains.
They tunnel through the rock
and find all kinds of beautiful gems.
They discover the origins of rivers,
and bring earth’s secrets to light.

¹²⁻¹⁹“But where, oh where, will they find **WISDOM?**

Where does Insight hide?
Mortals don’t have a clue,
haven’t the slightest idea where to look.
Earth’s depths say, ‘It’s not here’;
ocean deeps echo, ‘Never heard of it.’
It can’t be bought with the finest gold;
no amount of silver can get it.
Even famous Ophir gold can’t buy it,
not even diamonds and sapphires.
Neither gold nor emeralds are comparable;
extravagant jewelry can’t touch it.
Pearl necklaces and ruby bracelets—why bother?

None of this is even a down payment on **WISDOM!**
Pile gold and African diamonds as high as you will,
they can’t hold a candle to **WISDOM.**

²⁰⁻²²“So where does **WISDOM** come from?
And where does Insight live?

It can't be found by looking, no matter
how deep you dig, no matter how high you fly.
If you search through the graveyard and question the dead,
they say, 'We've only heard rumors of it.'
²³⁻²⁸ "God alone knows the way to **WISDOM**,
he knows the exact place to find it.
He knows where everything is on earth,
he sees everything under heaven.
After he commanded the winds to blow
and measured out the waters,
Arranged for the rain
and set off explosions of thunder and lightning,
He focused on **WISDOM**,
made sure it was all set and tested and ready.

**THEN HE ADDRESSED THE HUMAN RACE: 'HERE IT IS!
FEAR-OF-THE-LORD—THAT'S WISDOM,
AND INSIGHT MEANS SHUNNING EVIL.'"**

FEAR: YIRAH':

***OT: Fear of punishment and penalty
For violating the Law***

**NT: A MAGNIFIED AND ENLARGED
VIEW OF GOD!**

Respect. Reverence. Awe.
Because he's... awe-some!
Dreadful! 'Exceedingly'.

*HOW BIG IS HE?
HOW IMPORTANT?
HOW VALUABLE?
HOW MUCH DOES HE IMPACT YOU?*

HOW MUCH OF YOUR
FIELD OF VISION
DOES HE OCCUPY?

*HOW MUCH OF YOUR HORIZON
DOES HE FILL?*

**HOW MUCH
OF THE PASSION OF YOUR HEART
BURNS FOR HIM?**

*GLORY = WEIGHT
OR IMPACT.*

*HOW MUCH WEIGHT...
DOES HE HAVE*

WHEN WE THINK OF HIM
IN OUR HEARTS!???

L – O – V – E!

MY CHRISTIANITY:
can be so mental.
So verbal.
SO VOLITIONAL!
SO MECHANICAL!

THINK - SPEAK – DECIDE

**HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH
KNOWING AND RELATING TO...**

JESUS!

MIND [NKJV]: 131

HEART: 927

14%

7 times more often.

**WE CAN UNDERSTAND HIM
MENTALLY...**

**BUT UNTIL OUR HEARTS
ARE ENGAGED...**

**UNTIL LOVE
COMES INTO THE PICTURE...**

**WE DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM
AT ALL!!**

LOVE... MEANS...

EVERYTHING!

HOT? LUKEWARM? COLD?

MEANS... EVERYTHING!

CHRISTIANITY?

THIS IS NOT MENTAL...

ALL TEPID.

COOL. PASSIONLESS.

MECHANICAL.

THIS IS HEART.

THIS IS HEAT.

THIS IS... PASSION.

DESIRE.

YEARNING AND LONGING
ON STEROIDS!

HOW DO WE GET THAT?

HOLY SPIRIT IS IN US...
AND HAS **ALREADY**
POURED
GOD'S LOOOOVE
OUT!

[IT'S ALREADY IN THERE!]

NOW IT'S UP TO US
TO START WHERE WE'RE AT...
AND FOLLOW
THE HOLY SPIRIT'S LEAD
AS HE PLUNGES US
INTO THE DEPTHS
OF IT!

***[PRAYING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT...
KEEP YOURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD!]***

INITIATIVE IS HIS CHOICE.
NOT OURS.

COOPERATION IS OUR CHOICE.
NOT HIS.

KNOWLEDGE/UNDERSTANDING/WISDOM

KNOWLEDGE:

Pieces of information and data.

FACTS.

*ALL THE 380 PIECES
OF THE VACUUM CLEANER
SPREAD OUT ON A TABLE TOP
IN FRONT OF YOU.*

****SEEING STARS WITH CLEAR VISION**

UNDERSTANDING:

BINAH': Discernment.

**CLARITY REGARDING
THE MEANING OF THINGS.**

BEGINNING TO GET THE
LARGER PICTURE.

KNOWLEDGE IS...
A LOT OF DOTS.

UNDERSTANDING IS...
CONNECTING THE DOTS.

BEGINNING TO GRASP
THE INTERRELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE VACUUM PARTS.

**A CONTEXTUAL OVERVIEW
OF FACTS.**

****CONNECTING THE DOTS IN THE HEAVENS:
"THERE'S ORION... THE BIG DIPPER... LEO!"**

WISDOM:

CHOKMAW': Skill.

Wit. Administration.
Shrewdness. Cunning. Craftiness.

**KNOWING WHAT TO DO
WITH THE PIECES
OF VACUUM!**

**ASSEMBLING THEM...
PLUGGING THE VACUUM IN...
AND CLEANING THE HOUSE WITH IT.**

****WISDOM TAKES THE STARS
AND SAILS THE SEAS WITH THEM!**

**WISDOM MAKES USE...
OF KNOWLEDGE
AND UNDERSTANDING!**

**WISDOM...
BUILDS THINGS!**

**WISDOM...
BUILDS...
THE BODY
OF CHRIST!**

IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM,

AND [2] **THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY ONE**
IS UNDERSTANDING.

¹¹ For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you. ¹² If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, And *if* you scoff, you will bear *it* alone.”

BEGINNING: ROSH:

First. Chief.

It's the principal thing...

THE MAIN THING...

when it comes to wisdom!

WE'LL NEVER HAVE ENOUGH
'WISDOM LEARNED' ...

COMPARED WITH THE
'WISDOM WE CAN RECEIVE'
FROM ABOVE!

WHEN WE CAN'T FIND
OUR WAY...

THE HOLY SPIRIT
WILL LEAD US
WHERE WE DON'T HAVE
ENOUGH WISDOM TO GO!

WALKING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT ...
IS OUR PERSONAL GPS SYSTEM ...

WHERE WE FLY BY
THE INSTRUMENT PANEL ...
AND NOT BY THE WINDSHIELD!

WALKING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
IS
WISDOM!

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Ja 3.13-16 –

****FRESH WATER...[FROM ABOVE]**

BITTER WATER!... [EARTHLY AND SOULISH]

¹³ WHO IS WISE AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG YOU? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works are done in **THE MEEKNESS OF WISDOM.**

MEEKNESS: PRAU'TES:

Gentleness. Mildness.

Power under control.

¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

BITTER ENVY: ZE'LOS:

Water boiling to a bubble.

Burning emotion. Zeal. Jealousy. Rivalry.

SELF-SEEKING: ERITHEI'A:

Lit: Work for hire.

Seeking followers using bribes and gifts.

Ambition. Rivalry. Feud. Faction.

Acting for one's own gain
regardless of what discord it causes...

all of this...leading to disputes.

Advancement of position.

Popularity.

How respected I think I ought to be.

Electioneering.

Courting distinction.

Putting oneself forward.

Acts 20.30 - ³⁰ Also from among yourselves men will **RISE UP**, speaking perverse things, TO DRAW AWAY THE DISCIPLES AFTER THEMSELVES.'

Nu 16.1-4 - Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men; ² and they **ROSE UP** before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, representatives of the congregation, men of renown. ³ They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?"

⁴ SO WHEN MOSES HEARD IT,

HE FELL ON HIS FACE.

WHO IS WISE AMONG YOU???

¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above, but is **earthly, sensual, demonic.**

SENSUAL: PUCHIKOS':

Soul-ish. From or out of the soul.

Natural.

¹⁶ For where envy

Emotional disturbance

In view of

*How others are doing
Compared to how I'm doing.
'Jockeying for position'.
Rivalry.*

Pro 13.10 - By **pride** comes nothing but strife...

KJV - Only by pride cometh contention...

CAN'T ELIMINATE ENOUGH 'BUTTON PUSHERS'! IT'S US!!

and self-seeking *exists*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.

CONFUSION

INSTABILITY

DISORDER

ANARCHY

DISTURBANCE

UPHEAVAL

REVOLUTION

OUT OF CONTROL

UP FOR GRABS

TUMULT

EVERY EVIL THING

FOUL & FILTHY!

Ja 1.19-20 - ¹⁹So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰for **THE WRATH OF MAN**
DOES NOT PRODUCE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.

When we are angry...

Disturbed...

And lacking peace...

We shouldn't think

We're serving God

When we open our mouths

When we're in

that condition!

Our anger will not...

CAN NOT...

Make things right

Or fix them...

According to ...

THE BOOK OF JAMES...

CHAPTER #1!

ARE WE... LESS THAN GENTLE?

We shouldn't think that

Our forceful, direct and honest
communication

is a positive thing!

IT'S NOT!

GOD'S SPIRIT
SIMPLY
DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY!

GOD... IS... GENTLE!

Every firm word
God has to speak...
Is wrapped in gentleness.

**GET... GOOD... AT...
GENTLENESS!**

****DAD**
*"If I can submit to him...
YOU... can submit to him!"*

Ja 3.17 - ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure,

FIRST: PRO'TON:

In the first place.
Before others.
First in importance or order.

PURE: HAG'NOS:

Free from defilement or contamination.
Unmixed. Unspoiled. Unpolluted.

DOUBT: DIAKRINO:

Thoroughly back and forth.
Examine. Hesitate.
To separate throughout or wholly.
Learn by discriminating.
Waver.

BE... DOUBLE-MINDED!

2 Cor 11.2-3 - ²For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. ³But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

MSG - And now I'm afraid that exactly as the Snake seduced Eve with his smooth tongue, you are being lured away from the simple purity of your love for Christ

Ja 3.17-18 - then peaceable, gentle, **willing to yield**, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

PASSIVITY? QUAKERISM?

JESUS

was never without peace...
"I came to bring a sword!"

he 'warred' with those who opposed
his mission of grace.
His end result?
Making peace for the world.

PAUL

didn't lack peace or lose it
*when he was in the middle of
tumultuous riots.*

Yet he battled and struggled with those
who opposed grace.
*He warred... from peace...
and this resulted in 'making peace'.*

THE FOUNDING FATHERS

were men of peace...
*yet felt directed by God to fight back
against the king of England.*

Benjamin Franklin:
"To resist a Tyrant is to obey God."

With what result?
One of the most peaceful cultures in history!

BUT...

WE HAVE TO LEARN...
HOW TO RECOGNIZE
WISDOM FROM ABOVE!

WHO.. IS... WISE??

IT ALWAYS COMES WRAPPED...
IN A DISTINGUISHABLE PACKAGE:

IT'S ... PEACEABLE!

PASSIVE?

NO!
IT CAN BE AGGRESSIVE.

ANGRY?

NO MORE THAN CHRIST
IN FRONT OF PILATE...

OR HANGING ON THE CROSS!

In family life...

Marriage...

Church life...

Certain things

*Should **not** be tolerated.*

We should

never

come to terms with them...

never acquiesce

and accept them...

simply because they're

just too stubborn

and difficult

to deal with!

Like a **CANCER** in

Our physical bodies...

You ignore it...

It won't go away!

IT WILL EAT YOU UP

AND SPIT YOU OUT!

SO WE HAVE TO
DEAL WITH DESTRUCTIVE THINGS

[NOW AND THEN]

IN ORDER TO STOP

THEIR DESTRUCTIVE

ANNIHILATION OF

ALL THINGS GOOD!

*****NAZI GERMANY*****

Is there an out-of-control

Family member?

No respect for others...

Their self-centered attitude

Is taking over

Everybody else's lives!

Somebody

needs to tell them:

I'm not at war with you...

But I **AM** at war with
This particular problem
That is destroying you...
And will try to destroy
everybody else...

IF I LET IT!

AND I JUST CAN'T DO THAT!

*Because it's just
Too destructive!*

It will eat you up
And spit you out...
And ruin the whole family
If we ignore it!

So I'm drawing the line
RIGHT HERE!
That problem...
Will not remain in this home.

That sin... is not allowed...
Under this roof!

"What does that mean, Dad?"
"We'll just have to find out!"

****SOUP****

****AS A PASTOR**
I will tolerate a lot!

DISAGREEMENT
CORRECTION

OCCASIONAL
BUMPS IN THE ROAD

BUT ONE THING
I CAN NOT TOLERATE...

[AND STILL BE
A SERVANT OF GOD]

Is embedded...
Entrenched...
Sub-surface...
Incurable...
Unresolved...
Continuing...

ANGER...
ARGUMENT...
COMPLAINING...
CONFLICT...
AND LACK OF
PEACE!

*"ELI... YOU... DIDN'T
STOP... THEM!!*