

You are a little older and
hopefully a little wiser.

We have all been able to
experience trials these
past couple of months.

“Set your house in
perfect order before you
criticize the world.”

Wisdom is the
source of life.

What we mean
by wisdom.

“The quality of having
experience, knowledge,
and good judgment; the
quality of being wise.”

This is not a
good definition.

What do we mean when
we say, "wisdom?"

You have to have something that is firm and authoritative in your life. If you don't you will find yourself chasing after the smoke, always so close, but never able to catch it.

The Fear of the Lord is
the Beginning of wisdom.

Proverbs establishes
practical living skills as a
guide for living the good
life in God's world.

“For the simple are killed by their
turning away and the
complacency of fools destroys
them; But whoever listens to me
(lady wisdom) will dwell secure
and will be at ease, without dread
of disaster.”

Proverbs 1:32-33 (ESV)

Proverbs = Promises

Proverbs are more of
probability statements
than commands
or promises.

That life is too complex
to merely be reduced
to cause and effect
statements.

Ecclesiastes: Points out how things in this life will wither and fade, that things we target as giving meaning to our existence are actually *Hevel*.

Hevel (הַבֵּל) =
Meaningless; Doesn't
catch the full extent
of the word

It is more about the idea
of fleeting or vaporous.
One source spoke of it
being transitory or
evanescent.

If you are putting your source of life,
your worth, your value in the college
you are going to, the trade you are
undertaking, the career you are
pursuing, you will grasp at it like
smoke only to realize you actually
have nothing of substance, nothing of
worth at all; Hevel, you have hevel.

Wisdom being our source of life, and wisdom as being defined as the fear of the Lord; the point becomes clear that it is the little things in life that bring us the

most joy, it is the relationship or conversation with a dear friend, the smell of a hot meal at the family dinner table, or the beautiful sunset.

Time and Death are the
two great equalizers, in
time everything you've
done will be forgotten

Everyone of us will die
and be forgotten.

WE ALL DIE,
so enjoy the things that
matter the most.

Happiness or Pleasure

Wisdom is the source
of life, and that is the
fear of the Lord.

What about injustice!?

Great question.

Is God wise and just?

And does he govern reality
with these principles?

The Accuser

JOB DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING WRONG!

God becomes Sarcastic

“Then the Lord answered Job out of
the whirlwind and said: “Who is this
that darkens counsel by words
without knowledge?”

Job 38:7-5 (ESV)

Dress for action like a man; I will
question you, and you will make it
known to me. where were you when I
laid the foundation of the earth? Tell
me if you have understanding. Who
determined its measurements ----
Surely you know! Or who stretched
the line upon it?"

Job 38:7-5 (ESV)

Job: Our perspective of this world and of reality is so limited, so small, to think that we can make a judgement of God's actions, is actually speaking "words without knowledge."

If you ever think that God
ought to do something,
you don't have wisdom,
because you are not
fearing God.

I had heard of you by the
hearing of the ear, but now
my eye sees you; therefore I
despise myself, and repent in
dust and ashes."

Job 42:5-6 (ESV)

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment with every secret thing, whether good or evil."

Ecclesiastes 12.13-14 (ESV)

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life...The beginning of
wisdom is the fear
of the Lord...

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wisdom, and we can only
truly be wise, when we
have relied on him and his
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Allow me to give you one
more piece of advice in
form of an illustration.

You are not a wise person based solely on your experience and knowledge, nor are you a wise person if you are only a humble and repentant person, these elements are the two different sides of the same coin.

Which is to us Wisdom.

Now go and spend
your currency.