

The Gifts of Wisdom

Bible Background 🌀 JOB 1;42; Proverbs 8

Printed Text 🌀 Proverbs 8:8-14, 17-21 | Devotional Reading 🌀 JOB 28:12-28

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Praise the Lord Everyone!!!

Prayer



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DADDY PADRE
STRONG ELDER
FATHER KNOWS BEST
patriarch
fun-loving hardworking sweet
nurturing
care-giver wisdom
Any man can be a father,
but it takes a lot to be a
papa
Daddy babba
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hero patient kind
comforting happy
awesome **supporter**

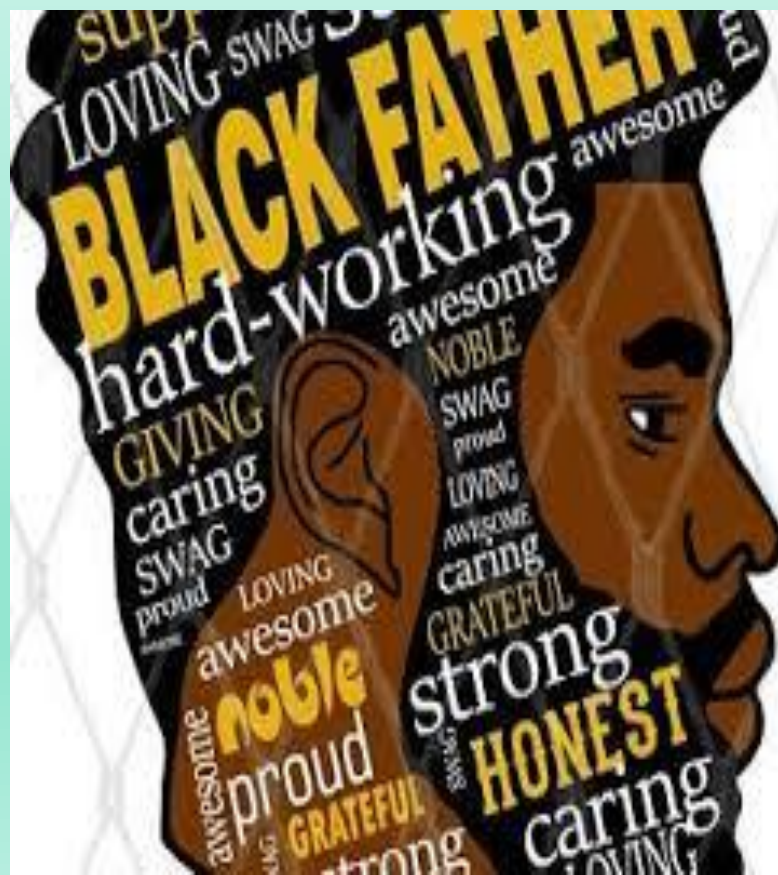
Happy
Father's
Day

The righteous
man walks in
his integrity;
His children
are blessed
after him.

PROVERBS 20:7



God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it... "DAD"



Wishing all of the Wonderful Men in our Lives
a very Happy Father's Day

*To fathers, grandfathers and all the men
who have had a positive
Impact on the lives of their children.
Thank You*

Devotional Song

Good Good Father



Aim For Change

- Wisdom is one of God's most precious gifts to humans. If obtained it could lead to a long happy prosperous life. If we want God's wisdom , we must ask for it and be willing to be led by the Holy Spirit.

Keep In Mind

"Receive my instruction, and silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it."
Proverbs 8:10-11 }

Characters

God



Mankind



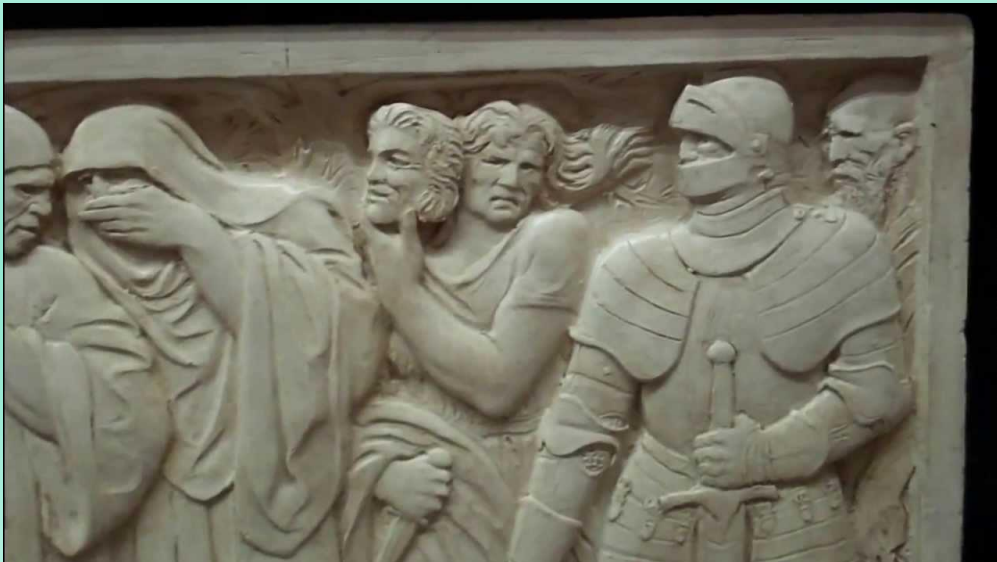
Statue-noun. A three-dimensional form or likeness sculpted, modeled, carved, or cast in material such as stone, clay, wood, or bronze. Origin of statue. Middle English from Old French from Latin statua from statuere to set up ; see statute .



1.What is an Idol-a human made object, a image or representation of a god used as an object that is venerated or worshipped for the deity, spirit or demon that it embodies or represents.

Can be a religious image or a person who people admire and maybe even seem to worship.

2.A person or thing that is greatly admired, loved or revered.



What are Idols of the heart?

Ezekiel 14:3

- God said that certain Elders of Israel had set up Idols in their heart. Although, they were maintaining the outward practices of true worship, in their hearts they were worshiping false gods.
- What is your mind on today?
- For where your treasure (the things that you value and prioritize the most) is there will your heart (mind) be also.

What are you doing with your mind? (your spiritual heart)

- Keep your heart with all diligence ; for out of it are the issues of life.
- Proverbs 4:23

This is Wisdom!!!

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

GOD HATES IDOLS!

Regardless of whether they are Roman Catholic, Protestant, Hindu, Buddhist, or any other religion, idols are an abomination to God.

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.



John 4:23

Your thoughts.....

- “No one can make you feel inferior without your consent”
- -E. Roosevelt

Devotional Reading Job 28:12-28

- 2 But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?
- 13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.
- 14 The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.
- 15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.
- 16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
- 17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.
- 18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.
- 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
- 20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?
- 21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.
- 22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.
- 23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.
- 24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven;

Devotional Reading Cont.

- 25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.
- 26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:
- 27 Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.
- 28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

Thought!!!!

- If you want to know what a person is like, take a good look at how he treats his/her inferiors, not his/her equals.”
- -J.K. Rowling

Background

- Wisdom is first personified (pictured as having human personality) in Proverbs 3:15-18. Chapters 8 and 9 pick up on this personification, picturing wisdom as a woman- a woman who speaks, witnesses her existence before all humanity, and offers wealth and prosperity to all who find her. Lady Wisdom helps us better understand God by taking one of His attributes and giving it personality and consciousness. Thus, we can better comprehend how wisdom is integrated into our everyday lives.
- The proverbs in Proverbs 3 through 9 warn the youth against temptations such as violent crimes (1:10-19; 4:14-19); rash pledges (6:1-5); laziness (6:6-11); deceit (6:12-15) and sexual impurity (2:16-19; 5:3-20; 6:23-35; 7:4-27; 9:13-18). Temptations may seem easy to avoid, but they can creep in when we are caught off guard and cause us to fall into sin.

Focal Scriptures

Proverbs 8:8-14; 17-21

- 8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.
- 9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.
- 10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.
- 11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.
- 12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.
- 13 The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.
- 14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength
- 17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.
- 18 Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.
- 19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.
- 20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:
- 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

A provoking thought!

- A Friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you!!
- E. Hubbard

In Depth

The Pursuit of Wisdom (Proverbs 8:8-14)

- Many of the proverbs are addressed to youth to warn against the many pitfalls in life. If you apply the practical messages of God's wisdom, your life will be rich. If you forsake them and follow your own wisdom and understanding you will be on a path of destruction. Wisdom here is affirming that her teaching is honorable and trustworthy. Her teaching is easy to understand for all who desire to do what is right. Her truth is hidden only to those who are willfully ignorant. The plea to acquire wisdom and knowledge rather than silver and gold is a testament to wisdom's value.
- Prosperity, power, prestige and possessions are paltry when compared to the worth of wisdom. The wealth of the world is temporary, but rewards of wisdom are eternal. A principle here is that wisdom is of greater value than any material wealth and is actually the way to acquire true wealth spiritually and naturally. Furthermore, when we pursue wisdom, we receive the benefits of discernment and good judgement. We are able to detect helpful or harmful motives and navigate complex situations to honor God.
- Verse 13 calls back to the first chapter of Proverbs, saying those who fear the Lord hate evil. To be wise in chapter one is to fear the LORD; therefore wise people hate evil. Evil, is defined here as pride, arrogance, corruption and lying. Wise people will resist and challenge those who show these characteristics. Wisdom will empower us instead to show evidence of common sense, insight and strength that brings lasting success.

2. The Promise of Wisdom (vv.17-21)

- Those who truly love and seek wisdom will surely find it. In the New Testament James reaffirms that those who ask for wisdom from God will receive it; but they must be willing to follow it once they have it (James 1:5) . Wisdom is tied to prosperity and also justice. It is the effect of wisdom to receive both. This may seem contradictory looking at the world around us but it is made clear from the law, history, and the prophets in the Old Testament. The king who has great wealth also needs to rule justly, or he is seen as a bad king.
- The one who has material prosperity is commanded to use it to care for the poor and defend the vulnerable is one of the distinguishing characteristics of Israel against the other nations that surround it. Solomon himself embodies this well; the wealthiest man in this world is also the wisest and rules with justice.
- He asks God for wisdom rather than wealth, which is why God blesses him with wealth and power, knowing he would use it righteously. It is our responsibility as believers to follow Jesus' example. He did not have material riches, but he had all the power of the Kingdom of God, which he used to heal the sick, cast out demons and confront the oppressive religious authorities and care for those in need. We would be wise to seek wisdom to do the same works, recognizing that God can allow us to prosper with that same wisdom if we use it for His glory.

Your thoughts.....

- “Don’t walk in front of meI may not follow
- Don’t walk behind me.....I may not lead
- Walk beside me----- just be my friend”
- A. Camus

The People, Places, and Times

- **Lady Wisdom.** Her image is consistently positive. She is the one universal element without which everything else fails. Wisdom is not the shadowy, female; who frequents the dark alleys in search of sexual gratification like the adulteress of Proverbs 7.
- She positions herself publically besides the city gates where she can expect to attract a large audience . She affirms her integrity by stressing the truth, nobility, and righteousness of her word. Lady Wisdom boldly proclaims that her rewards are far more valuable than gold, silver and jewels.

Lesson in Society

- Wisdom is a scarce commodity in today's world. Everywhere we look, people are making bad choices, trying to live life by their own rules. Some things we see so much in our politics, business and culture, are called evil here in Proverbs. Pride, arrogance, corruption corruption, and lying are all evil, yet many Christians do not identify them as such. Wisdom walks with justice and good judgement, yet we often allow injustice to reign for the sake of our comfort and convenience. God's word calls us to a very different life of godly wisdom.
- Wisdom involves knowing God's will and His word, then having the ability to apply this knowledge. God is able to give us the wisdom to pursue both personal and collective prosperity. We can all flourish while also pursuing justice.
- All of the people had their needs met in Solomon's kingdom, and wisdom led to great wealth. Jesus show us a Kingdom that is far greater, where God's power can supply our needs and challenge anyone who oppresses their neighbor. If we love God and love wisdom, we can find solutions to meet the pressing challenges and needs of our communities. We can have both justice and wealth if we have the wisdom and willingness to pursue them God's way.

I Corinthians 18:25

- 18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
- 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.
- 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
- 21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
- 22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:
- 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;
- 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
- 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Think about it!!!

- “Be yourself everyone else is already taken”
- O. Wilde

Job 1:1-5

- 1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.
- 2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.
- 3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.
- 4 And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.
- 5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

Make it Happen

- All in all, “wisdom is the principal thing..... with all thy getting get understanding” (from Proverbs 4:7). Many of us are taught and encouraged to seek material things- the economy depends on it. However, we do well to seek wisdom because our life depends on it. Many people have education, knowledge and information but they have no understanding.
- Instead of selfishly seeking wealth, we should seek wisdom. When we are humble enough to know that we need God’s wisdom daily, God is faithful enough to give it. Wisdom is often demonstrated by the daily choices we make. This week keep a diary of all the major decisions to see if your choices demonstrated godly wisdom or foolishness. Determine if godly wisdom is a part of your life by the choices you made. Godly wisdom can cause us to have the success that is lasting and be a blessing to ourselves and others.

What do you think?

- “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”
`Maya Angelou

Proverbs 8:32-36

- 32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.
- 33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.
- 34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.
- 35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord.
- 36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.