

WISDOM: WHAT IS IT?  
WHERE CAN IT BE FOUND?

**Job 28: 12-28**

<sup>12</sup> "But where can wisdom be found?  
And where *is* the place of understanding?  
<sup>13</sup> Man does not know its value,  
Nor is it found in the land of the living.  
<sup>14</sup> The deep says, '*It is* not in me';  
And the sea says, '*It is* not with me.'  
<sup>15</sup> It cannot be purchased for gold,  
Nor can silver be weighed *for* its price.  
<sup>16</sup> It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,  
In precious onyx or sapphire.  
<sup>17</sup> Neither gold nor crystal can equal it,  
Nor can it be exchanged for jewelry of fine gold.  
<sup>18</sup> No mention shall be made of coral or quartz,  
For the price of wisdom *is* above rubies.  
<sup>19</sup> The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,  
Nor can it be valued in pure gold.  
<sup>20</sup> "From where then does wisdom come?  
And where *is* the place of understanding?  
<sup>21</sup> It is hidden from the eyes of all living,  
And concealed from the birds of the air.  
<sup>22</sup> Destruction and Death say,  
'We have heard a report about it with our ears.'  
<sup>23</sup> God understands its way,  
And He knows its place.  
<sup>24</sup> For He looks to the ends of the earth,  
*And* sees under the whole heavens,  
<sup>25</sup> To establish a weight for the wind,  
And apportion the waters by measure.  
<sup>26</sup> When He made a law for the rain,  
And a path for the thunderbolt,  
<sup>27</sup> Then He saw *wisdom*<sup>[a]</sup> and declared it;  
He prepared it, indeed, He searched it out.  
<sup>28</sup> And to man He said,

' Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom,  
And to depart from evil *is* understanding

## Proverbs 8: 12-31

<sup>12</sup> " I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,  
And find out knowledge *and* discretion.  
<sup>13</sup> The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil;  
Pride and arrogance and the evil way  
And the perverse mouth I hate.  
<sup>14</sup> Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom;  
I *am* understanding, I have strength.  
<sup>15</sup> By me kings reign,  
And rulers decree justice.  
<sup>16</sup> By me princes rule, and nobles,  
All the judges of the earth.<sup>[a]</sup>  
<sup>17</sup> I love those who love me,  
And those who seek me diligently will find me.  
<sup>18</sup> Riches and honor *are* with me,  
Enduring riches and righteousness.  
<sup>19</sup> My fruit *is* better than gold, yes, than fine gold,  
And my revenue than choice silver.  
<sup>20</sup> I traverse the way of righteousness,  
In the midst of the paths of justice,  
<sup>21</sup> That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth,  
That I may fill their treasuries.  
<sup>22</sup> " The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way,  
Before His works of old.  
<sup>23</sup> I have been established from everlasting,  
From the beginning, before there was ever an earth.  
<sup>24</sup> When *there were* no depths I was brought forth,  
When *there were* no fountains abounding with water.  
<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains were settled,  
Before the hills, I was brought forth;  
<sup>26</sup> While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields,  
Or the primal dust of the world.  
<sup>27</sup> When He prepared the heavens, I *was* there,  
When He drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup> When He established the clouds above,  
When He strengthened the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> When He assigned to the sea its limit,  
So that the waters would not transgress His command,  
When He marked out the foundations of the earth,  
<sup>30</sup> Then I was beside Him *as* a master craftsman;<sup>[b]</sup>  
And I was daily *His* delight,  
Rejoicing always before Him,  
<sup>31</sup> Rejoicing in His inhabited world,  
And my delight *was* with the sons of men.

## **Proverbs 9**

Speaks of two houses of women

One is the House of Wisdom  
The other is the house of folly

The House of Wisdom

Welcomes us to "eat of my bread and drink my wine I have mixed. Forsake foolishness and live."

The House of Folly

Welcomes those who lack understanding, she says "stolen water is sweet and bread eaten in secret is pleasant"

The person who turns in there does not know that the dead are there. Her quests are in the depths of hell.

## **James 1: 2-8**

<sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

## **James 3: 13-18**

<sup>13</sup> Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. <sup>15</sup> This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Origin of Wisdom

## **Proverbs 8: 22-31**

Teaching of Wisdom

## **Proverbs 8: 12-13**

Value of Wisdom

## **Proverbs 8: 18-19**

## Conclusion:

### Proverbs 3: 5-8, 13-14

- <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;  
<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct<sup>[a]</sup> your paths.  
<sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
Fear the LORD and depart from evil.  
<sup>8</sup> It will be health to your flesh,<sup>[b]</sup>  
And strength<sup>[c]</sup> to your bones.
- <sup>13</sup> Happy *is* the man *who* finds wisdom,  
And the man *who* gains understanding;  
<sup>14</sup> For her proceeds *are* better than the profits of silver,  
And her gain than fine gold.