Only Wise God

To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, *Be* glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen. Jude 1:25

Wisdom belongs to God and is translated to us by His Spirit. It impacts the heart of humans. Wisdom is greater than "head" knowledge because it is experienced. When I know truth in my heart, my belief cannot be shaken.

Studies included in this article are: Wise God; His Wisdom; Wisdom of God; Jesus And Wisdom; God Gives Wisdom; God Gave Wisdom; Spirit of Wisdom; Wisdom And The Heart; Personification of Wisdom As God: Proverbs 8:1-36

For more information on this topic, please see: "Who Is Wise?"; "The Seven Spirits of God"; Appendix 4: Experiencing God in my book, <u>Immanuel: A Practicum</u>; "What Is Wisdom?"

Wise God

Job 9:4 God is wise in heart and mighty in strength. Who has hardened himself against Him and prospered?

Job 12:13 With Him are wisdom and strength, He has counsel and understanding.

Daniel 2:20 Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His."

Daniel 4:18 This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation, since all the <u>wise</u> *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you *are* able, for the Spirit of the Holy God *is* in you.

Romans 16:27 To God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

- Colossians 2:2b-3 To the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
- 1 Timothy 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is <u>wise</u>, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.
- Jude 1:25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

His Wisdom

Jeremiah 10:12 He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by <u>His wisdom</u>, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.

Jeremiah 51:15 He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by <u>His wisdom</u>, And stretched out the heaven by His understanding.

Wisdom of God

- 1 Kings 3:28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had rendered; and they feared the king, for they saw that the <u>wisdom of God</u> *was* in him to administer justice.
- Luke 11:49 Therefore the wisdom of God also said, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute.'
- Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the <u>wisdom</u> and <u>knowledge</u> of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!
- 1 Corinthians 1:21 For since, in the <u>wisdom of God</u>, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.
- 1 Corinthians 1:24 But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- 1 Corinthians 2:7 But we speak the <u>wisdom of God</u> in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory.
- Ephesians 3:10 To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*.
- James 3:15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.
- James 3:17 But the wisdom that is <u>from above</u> is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Jesus And Wisdom

- Matthew 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But <u>wisdom</u> is justified by her children.
- Matthew 13:54 And when He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this *Man* get this <u>wisdom</u> and *these* mighty works?
- Mark 6:2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing *Him* were astonished, saying, "Where *did* this Man *get* these things? And what <u>wisdom</u> is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!
- Luke 2:40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, <u>filled with wisdom</u>; and the grace of God was upon Him.
- Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

- Luke 7:35 But wisdom is justified by all her children.
- Luke 11:31 The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the <u>wisdom</u> of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here.
- 1 Corinthians 1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- 1 Corinthians 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us <u>wisdom</u> from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—
- Ephesians 1:8 Which He made to abound toward us in all <u>wisdom</u> and prudence.
- Colossians 2:2-3 That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of <u>wisdom</u> and knowledge.
- Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all <u>wisdom</u>, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- Revelation 5:12 Saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"
- Revelation 7:12 Saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."

God Gives Wisdom

- Exodus 31:3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in <u>wisdom</u>, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *manner of* workmanship.
- Exodus 31:6 And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put <u>wisdom</u> in the hearts of all who are gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you.
- Exodus 35:26 And all the women whose heart stirred with wisdom spun yarn of goats' hair.
- Exodus 35:31 And He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in <u>wisdom</u> and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship,
- Exodus 36:1 And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whom the LORD has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the LORD has commanded.
- Exodus 36:2 Then Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, everyone whose heart was stirred, to come and do the work.

- 2 Samuel 14:20 To bring about this change of affairs your servant Joab has done this thing; but my lord *is* wise, according to the <u>wisdom</u> of the angel of God, to know everything that *is* in the earth.
- Job 11:6 That He would show you the secrets of wisdom! For they would double your prudence. Know therefore that God exacts from you Less than your iniquity deserves.
- Job 38:36 Who has put wisdom in the mind? Or who has given understanding to the heart?
- Psalms 51:6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom.
- Proverbs 2:6 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.
- Ecclesiastes 2:26 For *God* gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who *is* good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to *him who is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.
- Daniel 2:21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.
- Luke 21:15 For I [Jesus] will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.
- James 1:5 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.

God Gave Wisdom

- 1 Kings 4:29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.
- 1 Kings 5:12 So the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as He had promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty together.
- Daniel 1:17 As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.
- Acts 7:10 And delivered him [Joseph] out of all his troubles, and <u>gave</u> him favor and <u>wisdom</u> in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.
- 2 Peter 3:15 And consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the <u>wisdom</u> given to him, has written to you.

Spirit of Wisdom

Exodus 28:3 So you shall speak to all *who are* gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the <u>spirit of wisdom</u>, that they may make Aaron's garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.

- Deuteronomy 34:9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the <u>spirit of wisdom</u>, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.
- Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The <u>Spirit of wisdom</u> and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.
- Daniel 5:11 There is a man in your kingdom in whom *is* the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and <u>wisdom</u>, like the <u>wisdom</u> of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers.
- Daniel 5:14 I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.
- Acts 6:3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and <u>wisdom</u>, whom we may appoint over this business;
- Acts 6:10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.
- 1 Corinthians 2:13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's <u>wisdom</u> teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- 1 Corinthians 12:8 For to one is given the word of <u>wisdom</u> through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit.
- Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the <u>spirit of</u> wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.

Wisdom And The Heart

- Exodus 35:26 And all the women whose heart stirred with wisdom spun yarn of goats' hair.
- Exodus 36:2 Then Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose <u>heart</u> the LORD had put <u>wisdom</u>, everyone whose <u>heart</u> was stirred, to come and do the work.
- 1 Kings 4:29 And God gave Solomon <u>wisdom</u> and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of <u>heart</u> like the sand on the seashore.
- 1 Kings 10:24 Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.
- 2 Chronicles 1:11 And God said to Solomon: "Because this was in your <u>heart</u>, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked <u>wisdom</u> and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king—
- 2 Chronicles 9:23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his <u>wisdom</u>, which God had put in his <u>heart</u>.
- Job 38:36 Who has put wisdom in the mind? Or who has given understanding to the heart?

- Psalms 49:3 My mouth shall speak wisdom, And the meditation of my heart shall give understanding.
- Psalms 90:12 So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- Proverbs 2:2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding.
- Proverbs 2:10 When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul.
- Proverbs 12:8 A man will be commended according to his <u>wisdom</u>, But he who is of a perverse <u>heart</u> will be despised.
- Proverbs 14:33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, But what is in the heart of fools is made known.
- Proverbs 17:16 Why is there in the hand of a fool the purchase price of wisdom, Since he has no heart for it?
- Ecclesiastes 1:13 And I set my <u>heart</u> to seek and search out by <u>wisdom</u> concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised.
- Ecclesiastes 1:16 I communed with my heart, saying, "Look, I have attained greatness, and have gained more wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My heart has understood great wisdom and knowledge."
- Ecclesiastes 1:17 And I set my <u>heart</u> to know <u>wisdom</u> and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind.
- Ecclesiastes 2:3 I searched in my <u>heart</u> *how* to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my <u>heart</u> with <u>wisdom</u>, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives.
- Ecclesiastes 7:25 I applied my <u>heart</u> to know, To search and seek out <u>wisdom</u> and the reason *of things*, To know the wickedness of folly, Even of foolishness *and* madness.
- Ecclesiastes 8:16 When I applied my <u>heart</u> to know <u>wisdom</u> and to see the business that is done on earth, even though one sees no sleep day or night.
- Isaiah 47:10 For you have trusted in your wickedness; You have said, 'No one sees me'; Your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you; And you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me.'
- Ezekiel 28:5 By your great wisdom in trade you have increased your riches, And your heart is lifted up because of your riches.
- Ezekiel 28:17 Your <u>heart</u> was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your <u>wisdom</u> for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.
- Daniel 2:30 But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more <u>wisdom</u> than anyone living, but for *our* sakes who make known the interpretation to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your <u>heart</u>.

Personification of Wisdom As God: Proverbs 8:1-36

Does not wisdom cry out, And understanding lift up her voice? She takes her stand on the top of the high hill, Beside the way, where the paths meet. She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city, At the entrance of the doors: "To you, O men, I call, And my voice is to the sons of men. O you simple ones, understand prudence, And you fools, be of an understanding heart. Listen, for I will speak of excellent things, And from the opening of my lips will come right things; For my mouth will speak truth; Wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; Nothing crooked or perverse is in them. They are all plain to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold; For wisdom is better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge *and* discretion. The fear of the LORD \dot{w} to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate. Counsel \dot{w} mine, and sound wisdom; I *am* understanding, I have strength. By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth. I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me. Riches and honor *are* with me, Enduring riches and righteousness. My fruit \dot{w} better than gold, yes, than fine gold, And my revenue than choice silver. I traverse the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice, That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, That I may fill their treasuries.

The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. I have been established from everlasting, From the beginning, before there was ever an earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills, I was brought forth; While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, Or the primeval dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there, When He drew a circle on the face of the deep, When He established the clouds above, When He strengthened the fountains of the deep, 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, Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him, Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men.

Now therefore, listen to me, *my* children, For blessed *are those who* keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain *it*. Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the LORD; But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death.

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