

# SBC Prayer Meeting

October 9, 2015

**Topic:** God's Attributes

**Attribute:** Wisdom

**Text:** Job 12:13

With him [God] is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding. [KJV]

Job 36:5

Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom. [KJV]

Psalms 104:24 (cf Proverbs 2:6)

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. [KJV]

Proverbs 2:1-9

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. [KJV]

Proverbs 3:19

The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. [KJV]

Jeremiah 51:15

He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding. [KJV]

Romans 11:33

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! [KJV]

Romans 16:27

With him [God] is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding. To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen. [KJV]

### I Corinthians 1:17-31

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. 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. 26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. [KJV]

### I Corinthians 2:7

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: [KJV]

### James 1:5

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. [KJV]

### James 3:17

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. [KJV]

**Application:** Because of the wisdom of God, we can look to the Bible for answers.

## Wisdom and Bible Characters

**Lucifer** (he corrupted his wisdom)

Exekiel 28:17

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. [KJV]

**King David** (the wisdom of God was in him)

I Kings 3:28

And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king [David] had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment. [KJV]

**King Solomon** (asked God for wisdom and received it)

II Chronicles 1:10

Give me now wisdom and knowledge, *that I may go out and come in before this people:* for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? [KJV]

II Chronicles 1:11

And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, *that thou mayest judge my people*, over whom I have made thee king: [KJV]

II Chronicles 1:12

Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like. [KJV]

I kings 4:29

And God gave [King] Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. [KJV]

I Kings 10:23, 24 (cf II Chronicles 9:22, 23)

So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. [KJV]

**Jesus** (was filled with wisdom)

Luke 2:40

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with **wisdom**: and the grace of God was upon him. [KJV]

Luke 2:52

And Jesus *increased* in **wisdom** and stature, and in favour with God and man. [KJV]

**Deacons** (seek deacons full of wisdom)

Acts 6:3

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and **wisdom**, whom we may appoint over this business. [KJV]

**The World** (does not know God by wisdom)

I Corinthians 1:21

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. [KJV]

## Wisdom Principle

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

Psalm 111:10 (cf Proverbs 9:10)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of **wisdom**: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Job 28:28

And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is **wisdom**; and to depart from evil is understanding.

Note: The definition of wisdom is “good judgment”.