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Wisdom — Foundational Biblical Doctrine

OPENING WORD

Before this day carries you wherever it will, set your feet on the beginning of wisdom: the fear of the LORD. That is the door, and there is no other. You do not have to be wise already, and you do not have to be old. If any of you lack wisdom, you are told plainly what to do — ask of God, who gives to everyone generously, and does not scold; and it will be given to you. So do not go out to find your own way today; ask. Get wisdom: it is the most important thing. But do not look for it in the wisdom of this world, which is foolishness to God. Look for it where it is hidden — in Christ, who was made wisdom for us from God, and in whom all the treasures are hidden. The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and full of mercy. Ask for that wisdom today, and walk in the fear of the LORD, and you will not lack. Search it out.

GREEK KEYWORDS

“wisdom” — **G4678 sophia** — wisdom

Christ, who of God is made to us wisdom — the treasure is in him.

“fear” — **G5401 phobos** — fear, reverence

work out your own salvation with fear and trembling — the fear of the LORD is not past away.

HEBREW KEYWORDS

“wisdom” — **H2451 chokmah** — wisdom, skill

the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom — begin at the door.

“fear” — **H3374 yirah** — fear, reverence

the fear of the LORD tends to life; it is the beginning and the way.

I. IF ANY LACK WISDOM, ASK OF GOD

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom [**G4678 sophia**], let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

IF ANY OF YOU LACK WISDOM → ASK OF GOD → IT SHALL BE GIVEN HIM.

(My personal thoughts — today, take your lack to the right door: You do not have to be wise to get wisdom; you have to ASK. He gives to everyone generously, and he does not scold — he will not shame you for coming empty-handed. Ask in faith, and it will be given.)

II. WISDOM IS THE PRINCIPAL THING

Proverbs 4:7 Wisdom [**H2451 chokmah**] is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

WISDOM = THE PRINCIPAL THING → GET WISDOM + WITH ALL THY GETTING GET UNDERSTANDING.

(My personal thoughts — of everything you will gather today, gather this first. A person can get a lot and miss the most important thing. Get wisdom, and with all your getting, get understanding.)

THE WORD TO HIDE IN THE HEART

Colossians 2:3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom [**G4678 sophia**] and knowledge.

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THE PRAYER

Lord, you are the God who gives wisdom, and out of your mouth come knowledge and understanding. I begin where you tell me to begin: in the fear of you, which is the beginning of wisdom. I lack, and you know it; so I ask, because you give to everyone generously, and you do not scold. Give me wisdom today — not the wisdom of this world, which is foolishness to you, but the wisdom that is from above, that is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and full of mercy. Keep me from leaning on my own understanding. Make me hate evil, because that is the fear of the LORD; and lead me to Christ, in whom all the treasures of wisdom are hidden, so that I may find the knowledge of God. And because the love of many will grow cold, give me wisdom to hold on to the end and not grow lukewarm — keep my heart in the fear of you, so that I do not faint, but am found faithful. Then a good understanding will be mine, because I want to do your commandments, and not only hear them. Amen.

CLOSING

James 3:17 But the wisdom [**G4678 sophia**] 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.

THE WISDOM THAT IS FROM ABOVE = FIRST PURE + THEN PEACEABLE + FULL OF MERCY AND GOOD FRUITS.