



Wisdom: God's Witness; Our Solace
Job 28

Job

Chapters 1-2 – Satan puts God on trial

Chapter 3 – Job puts God on trial

Chapters 4-27 – Job and his friends put God on trial

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Humans: Mastery Of The Earth (1-11)

Humans: Mystery of God's Wisdom (12-22)

God: Master of the Mystery (23-27)

God: Messenger of the Mystery (28)

Humans: Mastery Of The Earth (1-11)

The Human Race:

- Puts and end to darkness, and searches every recess (vs. 3)
- Breaks open a shaft (4)
- Has superiority over the animals (7-8)
- Overturns the mountains at the roots (9)
- Cuts out channels in the rocks, and sees every precious thing (10)
- Dams up the streams, and brings forth what is hidden to light (11)
- Yet...Proverbs 3:13-20

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“Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding; For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand, in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who retain her. The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding He established the heavens; by His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew.”



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Humans: Mystery of God's Wisdom (12-22)

- **But Where Can Wisdom and Understanding be Found?**
(Verse 12)
 - Its true value is not fully known by humans (13)
 - It cannot be found through exploration (14)
 - It is priceless (15-20)
- **But Where Can Wisdom and Understanding be Found?**
(Verse 20)
 - It is hidden from all that lives - and does not live [*Abaddon* and Death] (21)
- **Yet...Proverbs 1:20, 2:6, 8:1, 4, 9:3**



God's Wisdom: Open Secret

- Proverbs 1:20 – “Wisdom calls aloud outside, she raises her voice in the open squares.”
- Proverbs 2:6 – “For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding”
- Proverbs 8:1, 4 – “Does not wisdom cry out, and understanding lift up her voice?...To you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men.”
- Proverbs 9:3 – “She (wisdom) has sent out her maidens, She cries out from the highest places of the city...”

God: Master of the Mystery (23-27)

- God Both Understands and Knows Wisdom (23)
- God Sees In An Unlimited Fashion (24)
- God Does What No One Can Do: Create from Nothing (25-26)
- God Declares Wisdom (27)
- Proverbs 8:22-23, 30 – “The Lord possessed me (wisdom) at the beginning of His way, before the works of old. I have been established from everlasting, from the beginning before there was an earth... I was beside Him as a master craftsman.”

God: Messenger of the Mystery (28)

- God's Audience: Humanity
- God's Priority: Wisdom and Understanding
 - “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding” - Proverbs 4:7
- God's Instruction: Fear God, Forsake Evil
 - Fear the Lord – Proverbs 1:7, 2:1-6, 9:10; Psalm 111:10
 - Depart from Evil – Psalm 34:14, 37:27;
Proverbs 2:10-12, 3:7
 - Keep the Commandments – Deuteronomy 4:5-6; 1 Chronicles 22:12; Proverbs 7:1-4; Psalm 111:10; Ecclesiastes 12:13

Jesus

Isaiah 11:1-2

“There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.”