



Drawing out God's Wisdom

⁵Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. ⁶Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. ⁷Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom...⁸and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

Proverbs 4:5-8

From these scriptures, we can clearly see the value that God has placed upon His wisdom. According to God's Word, one who obtains the wisdom of God shall be preserved, kept, promoted and brought to honor. You'll notice that God said, Wisdom is the principal thing. The word principal is defined as first in importance. In other words, God is instructing us to put His wisdom first place in our lives, and as a result it will bring forth many blessings. You should begin to realize that knowledge alone is not enough to secure the blessing of God. There are many men today who have much knowledge. When one knows how to put his knowledge of God's Word in operation, then and only then is he a wise man.

Some think God is withholding His wisdom and that we do not have the right to think as God thinks. However, according to His Word, we are instructed to get wisdom. In Proverbs 3:13-18, we find:

¹³Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. ¹⁴For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. ¹⁵She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. ¹⁶Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. ¹⁷Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. ¹⁸She is a tree of life to them THAT LAY HOLD UPON HER: and happy is every one that retaineth her (emphasis added).

Did you notice the terminology He used? He used words that imply our ability to have the wisdom of God in our daily lives. I want you to look closely at another scripture in Proverbs 2:6-7:

⁶For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. ⁷He layeth up sound wisdom for (not from) the righteous... Praise God, He gives and He lays up His wisdom for us.

Some of you may be saying, "Yes, but that is all in the Old Testament, and that's not for us today." Let's just take a look at what the New Testament says. First of all, we'll read James 1:5-8:

⁵If 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. ⁶But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like



a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. ⁷For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. ⁸A double minded man is unstable in all his ways (emphasis added).

The only stipulation that we find in receiving the wisdom of God is that you must ask in faith, expecting to receive. In Colossians 1:9-10, we have a prayer that the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle Paul to pray for Christian people just like you and me. You'll notice that he said:

⁹For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be FILLED with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God (emphasis added).

If it is not the will of God for us to have access to the wisdom of God, why would the Holy Spirit have Paul pray in that manner? I am convinced that God's primary purpose in giving us a copy of His Word is so that we may learn to think His thoughts and walk His ways. After all, doesn't 1Corinthians 2:16 say we have the mind of Christ?

Do you remember the scripture we read in Proverbs 2:7? I would like for us to also read The Amplified Bible, for it is very enlightening: He hides away sound and godly Wisdom and stores it for the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with him). Have you ever wondered where this wisdom is stored? The answer can be found in Colossians 2:3, In whom (Christ) are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. This is saying that the wisdom of God is hidden in Christ, and thank God, Christ is in me. Therefore, all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are as close to me as my very breath, for they are hidden and stored up for me in Christ.

Now this presents another question: How do you get it out?

There are two primary ways of drawing out the wisdom of God. The first is through meditating God's Word.

Mediating God's Word is more than just reading. It is fixing your mind on the Word and dwelling upon it in your thought life. God told Joshua that if he would meditate His Word day and night, then he would deal wisely in all the affairs of his life. You must take time to shut yourself in with the Holy Spirit and the Word, away from the distractions of the world in order to receive God's wisdom. You should dwell on the Word so as to allow the Holy Spirit to communicate with your spirit and unveil God's wisdom to you until it absorbs you and you absorb it. As you do this, the wisdom you receive will cause you to become a master over circumstances.



At this point, I would like to share with you **SEVEN OBJECTIVES TO MEDITATING GOD'S WORD:**

- (1) Apply the Word to you personally.
- (2) Allow the Holy Spirit to make the Word a reality in your heart.
- (3) Carefully ponder how this Word applies to your life.
- (4) Dwell on how this Word changes your situation.
- (5) Place yourself in agreement with what the Word says about you.
- (6) Begin to see yourself as God sees you.
- (7) Realize the integrity of God's Word.

The second way in which we draw out God's wisdom is found in 1 Corinthians 2:7-13:

⁷But WE SPEAK THE WISDOM OF GOD IN A MYSTERY, EVEN THE HIDDEN WISDOM, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: ⁸which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. ¹⁰But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. ¹¹For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. ¹²Now that we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; THAT WE MIGHT KNOW THE THINGS THAT ARE FREELY GIVEN TO US OF GOD. ¹³Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but WHICH THE HOLY GHOST TEACHETH; comparing spiritual things with spiritual (emphasis added).

He is saying that we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, and it is given by utterance of the Holy Spirit. Now read 1 Corinthians 14:2, you will begin to see how this all ties together.

For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue, speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit HE SPEAKETH MYSTERIES (emphasis added).

The Amplified Bible says, he utters SECRET TRUTHS and HIDDEN THINGS [not obvious to the understanding] (emphasis added). Praise God, from the authority of God's Word we can see that the utterances we are speaking is the hidden wisdom of God.

Proverbs 18:4 states, The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook. Speaking in tongues acts as the bucket that we dip into the wellspring of wisdom. You are drawing out wisdom in the same manner as you draw water from a well.



You may be saying, “Doesn’t the Bible say that no man understands what he is saying when he speaks in tongues?” That’s exactly right, but let’s continue to search the scriptures. In 1 Corinthians 14:13-15, we read, ¹³Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue PRAY that he may interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵What is it then? I WILL pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also (emphasis added).

You will notice that he did not say to pray that you be an interpreter but pray that you may interpret what you have said in other tongues. Then he said, as an act of his will, I will pray with the understanding also. In other words, he is praying that his mind may become fruitful and be able to grasp the hidden things and secret truths which he had been praying in the spirit. As your mind becomes fruitful, you will draw out the wisdom of God and be able to apply it to the situation with which you are faced and can expect to receive the same that God receives.

I suggest that you begin to make the following a daily confession:

I thank You, Father, that You have made Jesus wisdom unto me. Therefore, I know that today, as I walk in fellowship with Your Word, Your wisdom will be mine in every situation.



Drawing out God's Wisdom Review Questions

1. God has placed the highest _____ upon His wisdom and the one who obtains the wisdom of God shall be _____, kept, promoted and _____ Proverbs 4:5-8.
2. God says that Wisdom is the _____ thing and that word is defined as _____ *in importance*.
3. God is instructing us to put His wisdom first place because _____ alone is not enough to secure His blessing.
4. Knowing how to put their knowledge of God's Word into _____ is what makes them wise people.
5. God is not _____ His wisdom – we as His children do have the right to _____ as God thinks because according to Proverbs 2: 6-7 He gives wisdom, out of His _____ come knowledge and understanding and He _____ up sound wisdom for the righteous....
6. In James 1 the Lord tells us to _____ for wisdom, but we must ask Him in _____ expecting to receive it.
7. Some people think it's not the Lord's will for us to have access to His wisdom, but the Holy Spirit has Paul record a prayer in Colossians 1:9-10 that believers would be _____ with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and understanding.
8. The Amplified says in Proverbs 2:7 that *He hides away sound and godly Wisdom and _____ it for the righteous...*
9. Colossians 2:3 tells us exactly where this wisdom is stored for the righteous in _____ and He is in us.
10. We can draw this wisdom out of God in two primary ways:
 - a. _____ on the Word of God
 - b. _____ in the Spirit
11. Meditating the Word is not just _____ the Word it is fixing your _____ on the Word and dwelling upon it in your thought life so that the Holy Spirit can _____ with your spirit and unveil God's wisdom to you.
12. There are 7 objectives or goals in meditating God's Word:
 - a. Apply the Word to you _____
 - b. Allow the Holy Spirit to make the Word a _____ in your heart.
 - c. Carefully _____ how this Word applies to your life
 - d. Dwell on how this Word _____ your situation
 - e. Place yourself in _____ with what the Word says about you
 - f. Begin to _____ yourself as God sees you
 - g. Realize the _____ of God's Word



13. According to 1 Corinthians 2:7-13 when we pray in the Spirit or tongues we are actually _____ the hidden wisdom of God that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
14. In the Amplified 1 Corinthians 14:2 says we are _____ secret truths and hidden things so from the authority of God's Word what we are _____ is the hidden wisdom of God.
15. The Holy Spirit through Paul tells us to pray that we may _____ in our own language that wisdom we are speaking through tongues, and pray that our minds will become _____ and able to grasp or comprehend what He is saying to us so we can apply that wisdom to our own situations.



Drawing out God's Wisdom Review Questions – 3 points/blank

1. (value, preserved, honored)
2. (principle, first)
3. (knowledge)
4. (operation)
5. (withholding, think, mouth, lays)
6. (ask, faith)
7. (filled)
8. (stores)
9. (Christ)
10. (meditating, praying)
11. (reading, mind, communicate)
12. (personally, reality, ponder, changes, agreement, see, integrity)
13. (speaking)
14. (uttering, saying)
15. (interpret, fruitful)