



God's Resources for Life and Healing

Part 8C: Wisdom

As we continue our study of the wisdom of God, I'd like to point out that man seems innately to know that there is a higher level of knowledge and wisdom that extends beyond the limits of human intelligence. Finding a way to tap into this supernatural "illumination" has tantalized man from the beginning and has been a central drawing point of Lucifer's agenda to build his kingdom.

He used it in the Garden of Eden to lure Adam and Eve away from the path of life that God intended for mankind. Rather than trusting God to give them the insight, wisdom, and knowledge that He wanted them to have, along with everything else they needed for life, they succumbed to Satan's offer of a way to elevate themselves above their human state and to obtain knowledge that lay beyond their human grasp (Gen. 3:1-6).

What Adam and Eve didn't understand was that in choosing Satan's path, they chose something that glittered like gold but was not true gold (Mat. 7:13-14). In their desire to be "like gods," they forfeited the intimate fellowship they had been granted with the Most High God and got off the path that would have led to obtaining the true wisdom and unity with the divine for which they were seeking.

They did obtain a certain amount of instant "enlightenment," but it opened their eyes to the negative ramifications of sin that God did not want to mar their state of bliss and abundance. It brought them an inner sense of shame they had never experienced before, along with both spiritual and physical death. They were separated from God and expelled from the Garden of Eden with its opportunity to partake of the Tree of Life, which would have sustained their bodies in perfect health and everlasting life (Gen. 3:7-11).

Adam and Eve's sin also allowed Satan to gain an inner place of dominion in all mankind, establishing a stronghold in their souls which we now call "the flesh" (Rom. 6:6-8). Through this deep, inner place of influence Satan continues to lure mankind to seek supernatural wisdom and enlightenment from forbidden, alternate sources rather than to trust himself to the care of a loving God. In ancient times divination quickly became commonplace and spread to every culture of the world as God scattered the people at the Tower of Babel. False religions flourished and often held out a means for the truly devout to reach a state of "divine illumination."

While the openly established false religions were intended to appeal to the masses, a much more secretive and seemingly elite group of people grasped much more firmly onto Lucifer's appeal to gain both the illumination and the status of gods themselves. Nimrod, the builder of the Tower of Babel, is seen as the founder of this movement, which became known as the Babylonian Mystery Religions. Eventually in the late 1700s they became centralized into the Illuminati. According to Lucifer's promise, the highest levels of these people now work directly with him covertly using both the intelligence and the powers of the fallen "gods" to manipulate world affairs and to control and to enhance the human race beyond God's original creation of them.

In truth, however, Satan's route for attaining divine enlightenment falls far short of the true wisdom possessed by God alone. While God imparted supernatural power to the angelic realm, including Lucifer, He did not entrust them with the fullness of His wisdom. The angelic sons of God may know something about good and evil (Gen. 3:4-5), but the fallen ones have deliberately twisted it to make evil seem alluringly good (John 3:19). Any state of "enlightenment" that can be reached through Lucifer's alternative plan actually brings great darkness into man (Mat. 6:22-23) and, ultimately, leads to death and destruction (Prov. 14:12; Mat. 7:13). It also draws one away from God and His way for man to obtain true supernatural wisdom and union with Himself (Prov. 3:13-18; 14:12; 2 Pet. 1:2-4).