



God's Resources for Life and Healing

Part 8F: Wisdom

In this sixth segment on the resource of wisdom that God makes available to us, I would like to look at some of the aspects that God's wisdom includes. Some of His wisdom is available to all through His Word. Some is given through special anointing for particular purposes, and some is received by personal request.

God gave mankind the wonderful gift of a free will, so we have complete liberty to live our lives as we choose. Obviously, God knows the choices that are to our best advantage. Therefore, through His written Word He lovingly gives us extensive principles of wisdom, both practical and spiritual, to guide us in making the choices that will bring the greatest success, prosperity, and fulfillment to our lives (Josh. 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3; 2 Peter 1:1-8).

Proverbs is a whole book focused on the practical aspects of God's wisdom. Following these directives in our lives will provide protection from evil and seductive people who follow the ways of unrighteousness and seek to draw others into their lifestyle of seeming happiness but eventual ruin. Through the path of wisdom we will instead reap the benefits of righteousness, which include long life, security, stability, honor, favor, justice, peace, and happiness (Prov. 2:11-22; 3:13-17; 4:5-13; 5:1-23; 8:18-21, 35; 9:11). We will also be able to withstand hardships with confidence and stability (Prov. 3:23-26).

In fact, as we incorporate God's wisdom into our lives, it becomes like a tree of life within us, even affecting our physical health (Prov. 3:18; 4:20-22; 8:35). Adam and Eve forfeited the right to partake of the Tree of Life that God planted in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:22-24), but God offers us some of the same benefits if we will follow His ways of wisdom. Although not intended to be a source of pride, when we grasp and live according to the wisdom of God's Word, we gain more insight than our teachers and have more understanding than the aged (Ps. 119:99-100). Oh, that man would recognize this path and cease from chasing Satan's substitute in the world that leads to death, despair, and destruction (Mat. 7:13-14; Rom. 8:6)!

As we pursue the way of wisdom and walk closely with God, He has wisdom to give us that is beyond the directives for life that He gives to all in His Word. Many times in Scripture He imparted wisdom to chosen individuals in the form of enhanced understanding, supernatural insight, and heightened talent and abilities to enable them to fulfill special callings He had for their lives. As the Master Craftsman of all creation, God gave Bezalel an enhanced giftedness for creative design and skillful workmanship in gold, silver, bronze, wood, and other materials to enable him to adorn the Tabernacle in a manner worthy of the glory of God (Ex. 31:3).

God gave David wisdom "like the angel of God" to know "everything happening in the land," which seemed to include the ability to understand the broad picture of the political and military dynamics related to the nation of Israel (2 Sam. 14:20; NET). Ezra also was endowed with special wisdom to reestablish the Jewish nation after the Babylonian captivity (Ezra 7:25). How encouraging to know that when God calls us to a special task, He will give us the wisdom, insights, and skills that we need in order to do it (Phil. 2:13; 4:13)!

God tells us that any time we need wisdom, we can ask Him for it, and He will give it to us as long as we ask for it in faith (James 1:5). He responded to Solomon's request for wisdom by making him the wisest man of his time (2 Chron. 1:7-12; cf. James 1:5; 1 Kings 4:29-34). In addition to the large portion of the wisdom literature within our Holy Scriptures that he wrote, Solomon was given a deep understanding of the nature of all living things (1 Kings 4:33) as well as extraordinary wisdom in making judicial decisions in ruling the people of his country (1 Kings 3:28; 2 Chron. 1:10-11; 1 Kings 3:16-28).

What a resource God's gift of wisdom is to us! Our part is to have the faith to believe that He will give it when we ask for it and to walk in the spirit so that we have the divine connection to Himself that will allow His wisdom to flow to us (1 Cor. 6:17)!