

FOCUS ON GODLY WISDOM

Daniel 2:19-22

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- **GOD IS THE SOURCE OF WISDOM**

Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven; Daniel said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding. It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him." – Daniel 2:19-22

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- **JESUS CHRIST IS THE MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S WISDOM**
- For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE.' Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. – 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

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- **WE ARE COMMANDED TO IMITATE GOD & CHRIST**

- Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. – Ephesians 5:1-2
- ...but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked. – 1 John 2:5-6
- For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps... – 1 Peter 2:21

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- **WE ARE COMMANDED TO BE WISE**
- Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time because the days are evil. Do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. – Ephesians 5:15-17
- Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person. – Colossians 4:5-6
- So teach us to number our days, that we may present to You a heart of wisdom. – Psalms 90:12

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- **A STUDY OF WISDOM**

- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever. – Psalms 111:10
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. – Proverbs 9:10
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. – Proverbs 1:7
- The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom; and with all your acquiring, get understanding. – Proverbs 4:7

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- Job 28:12-28

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- If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" (which all refer to things destined to perish with use) in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men? These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence. – Colossians 2:20-23

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- And I set my mind to know wisdom and to know madness and folly; I realized that this also is striving after wind. Because in much wisdom there is much grief, and increasing knowledge results in increasing pain. – Ecclesiastes 1:17-18

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- Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. – Colossians 3:16-17

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- A STUDY OF WISDOM
- Proverbs 8:1-36

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- And I saw that **wisdom** excels folly as light excels darkness. – Ecclesiastes 2:13
- For **wisdom** is protection *just* as money is protection, But the advantage of knowledge is that **wisdom** preserves the lives of its possessors. – Ecclesiastes 7:12
- **Wisdom** is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good. – Ecclesiastes 9:18

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- How blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gains understanding. For her profit is better than the profit of silver and her gain better than fine gold. She is more precious than jewels; And nothing you desire compares with her. Long life is in her right hand; In her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who hold her fast. The LORD by wisdom founded the earth, By understanding He established the heavens. By His knowledge the deeps were broken up and the skies drip with dew. My son, let them not vanish from your sight; Keep sound wisdom and discretion, So they will be life to your soul and adornment to your neck. Then you will walk in your way securely and your foot will not stumble. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. – Proverbs 3:13-24

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- Thus says the LORD, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the LORD. – Jeremiah 9:23-24
- It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens. – Jeremiah 10:12

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- *It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, and He adds no sorrow to it. Doing wickedness is like sport to a fool, and so is wisdom to a man of understanding. What the wicked fears will come upon him, but the desire of the righteous will be granted. When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more, but the righteous has an everlasting foundation.* – Proverbs 10:22-25

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- *Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.* – James 3:13-18

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- **A STUDY OF WISDOM - PROVERBS**
- The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom, But the perverted tongue will be cut out. – Proverbs 10:31
- When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom. – Proverbs 11:2
- Through insolence comes nothing but strife, but wisdom is with those who receive counsel. – Proverbs 13:10

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- **A STUDY OF WISDOM - PROVERBS**
- A scoffer seeks wisdom and *finds* none, But knowledge is easy to one who has understanding. – Proverbs 14:6
- The wisdom of the sensible is to understand his way, But the foolishness of fools is deceit. – Proverbs 14:8
- Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding, but in the hearts of fools it is made known. – Proverbs 14:33

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- The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom, and before honor *comes* humility. – Proverbs 15:33
- How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver. – Proverbs 16:16
- Wisdom is in the presence of the one who has understanding, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth. – Proverbs 17:24

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- He who separates himself seeks *his own* desire, He quarrels against all sound wisdom. – Proverbs 18:1
- The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook. – Proverbs 18:4
- He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who keeps understanding will find good. – Proverbs 19:8

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- **A STUDY OF WISDOM - PROVERBS**
- Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words. – Proverbs 23:9
- Buy truth, and do not sell *it*, get wisdom and instruction and understanding. – Proverbs 23:23
- By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; – Proverbs 24:3
- Wisdom is *too* exalted for a fool, he does not open his mouth in the gate. – Proverbs 24:7

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- **A STUDY OF WISDOM - PROVERBS**
- Know *that* wisdom is thus for your soul; If you find *it*, then there will be a future, And your hope will not be cut off. – Proverbs 24:14
- A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad, but he who keeps company with harlots wastes *his* wealth. – Proverbs 29:3
- The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother. – Proverbs 29:15
- She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. – Proverbs 31:26

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But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. – James 1:5-8