

THE WISDOMS OF SCRIPTURE

Part 2

The Categories of Wisdom

1st Co. 1:17-25

INTRODUCTION

There are different types of wisdoms in the world. One can be wise in academia and not understand how life works. The unsaved man believes that because he has been allowed to understand some truths about how things about creation and the function of the world system that he, consequently, possesses wisdom about how life works. Yet, many of them live personal lives that are in ruin, sometimes leading to the taking of their own lives. Conversely, one can be wise spiritually and not understand how to function in the World System. Scripture lists many types of wisdoms that steer men in the world. We will look today, into the various categories of wisdom and will come to find that the possessor of wisdom from God trumps all other wisdom in the world.

I. THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF WISDOM DEALT WITH IN SCRIPTURE.

A. The book of Daniel to indicate that Daniel was prudent in all kinds of wisdom.

Dan. 1:4

1. "Skillful in all wisdom" is the word sakal -- "**one who is prudent; circumspect and hence intelligent.**" -- Strong's lexicon cf. Dan. 11:35; 12:3 (used of the intelligent man who is able to put things together)
2. "All" is preceded by the beth preposition with "kol" which notes every kind of a category.
3. "Wisdom" is chokmah -- "**prudence in secular matters, skill in arts, experience in divine things, and even dexterity in magic; it is moral rather than intellectual, it is the adaptation of what we know to what we have to do.**" -- Girdlestone's Old Testament Synonyms. Cf. Ex. 28:3 (of those who made Aaron's priestly garments); Ex. 31:6 (of those working on the tabernacle) -- Adam Clark -- "**wise - that is, in all that was esteemed wise in their own country.**"

B. Solomon's wisdom of how to make things work in a variety of areas exceeded that of many men. 1st Kings 4:29-34

II. THERE IS WISDOM CONCERNING HOW TO FUNCTION IN THE WORLD SYSTEM.

A. Wisdom of how to function in the World System can aid in the acquisition of riches in life. Ez. 28:4, 5

B. Wisdom concerning how to function in the World System involves **knowledge of how to get things done in the right circumstance.**

1. God gave to wisdom to Joseph concerning the administration of his master's affairs and the how to handle the drought prophesied for Egypt. Gen. 39:3; Acts 7:10
2. Moses learned from the wisdom of the Egyptians. Acts 7:22
3. The Queen of Sheba was smitten by Solomon's wisdom to administrate the nation of Israel. 2 Chron. 9:3-4
4. God gave wisdom to Daniel. Dan. 1:4, 20; 5:11

III. THERE IS WISDOM CONCERNING HOW TO CONDUCT ONE'S MANNER OF LIFE.

A. Solomon dispensed a wisdom to his sons based upon his life experiences under law.

1. This wisdom was essential to avoiding certain calamities in life. Prov. 1:20-31
2. Wisdom under law exalted one. Prov. 4:8
3. Wisdom under law kept one from the "strange" (one who belongs to another) woman. Prov. 7:5
4. Wisdom was spurred on by a "fear" (yiraw -- fear of punishment) of the Lord. Prov. 9:10

B. There are competing wisdoms at play in the world concerning how one conducts their manner of life.

1. The wisdom of the world is described in Scripture as **how the world applies what it knows regarding its operation as directed by the present evil age.** 1st Co. 1:20 cf. 1st Co. 3:18-19
2. Man has a wisdom which **focus is upon the use of persuasive discourse to galvanize men to God's cause.** 1st. Co. 2:4
 - a) Is conveyed through enticing words. 1st Co. 2:1,4
 - b) It is conveyed through eloquent verbalization. 1st Co. 2:13 cf. 2 Co. 10:10
3. God has a wisdom He provides for the maturing believer. 1st Co. 2:6
 - a) God's wisdom teaching maturing saints about things He has prepared for them. 1st Co. 2:9
 - b) God's wisdom is conveyed through the Holy Spirit. 1st Co. 2:14

IV. THERE IS WISDOM CONCERNING GOD'S PLAN AND PURPOSES..

A. God used in formulating the decree. Rom. 11:33

1. God used the foolishness of preaching to confound the wise. 1st Co. 1:21
2. God is using the Church, today, to convey. Eph. 3:10

3. A full experiential knowledge of the Father gives believers insight into it. Eph. 1:17; Col. 1:9
- B. Satan's was endued with wisdom.
1. Satan was created perfect full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. Ez. 28:12
 2. His wisdom has been "corrupted" (piel). Ez. 28:17 cf. John 8:44
 - a) "Corrupted" means to pervert; twist something from its original state through unsavory deeds. Cf. Gen. 6:12 (of the way of cohabitation); Ex. 32:7 (of dedication to God)
 - b) His radiance (yif hah-- splendor) was the means by which he corrupted his wisdom.
- C. A lack of wisdom concerning God's dealings with Israel can cause problems with believers in this dispensation. Rom. 11:25
- D. Believers can obtain wisdom from God concerning how to apply what they know concerning His will. Ja. 1:5

CONCLUSION