

## What is Wisdom? February 27, 2022

**Proverbs 9:10**, *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”*

**James 3:13**, *“Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior, his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.”*

**James 3:14-18**, *“But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. <sup>15</sup> This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. . <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”*

**1 John 1:10**, *“If we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar and his word is not in us.”*

**James 1:5**, *“But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”*

**1 Kings 3:5-9**, *“In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream at night; and God said, “Ask what you wish Me to give you.” <sup>6</sup> Then Solomon said, “You have shown great lovingkindness Your servant David my father, according as he walked before You in truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart toward You; and You have reserved for him this great lovingkindness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. <sup>7</sup> Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> Your servant is in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”*

**1 Kings 3:11-14**, *“Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice, <sup>12</sup> behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like*

*you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days. <sup>14</sup> If you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days.”*

**1 Kings 3:25-27**, *“Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other.” <sup>26</sup> Then the woman whose child was the living one spoke to the king, for she was deeply stirred over her son and said, “Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him.” But the other said, “He shall be neither mine nor yours; divide him!” <sup>27</sup> Then the king said, “Give the first woman the living child, and by no means kill him. She is his mother.” When all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had handed down, they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to administer justice.”*

**Luke 19:8-10**, *“Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.” <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

**Proverbs 4:5-13**, *“Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth.*

*<sup>6</sup> “Do not forsake her, and she will guard you;*

*Love her, and she will watch over you.*

*<sup>7</sup> “The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom;*

*And with all your acquiring, get understanding.*

*<sup>8</sup> “Prize her, and she will exalt you;*

*She will honor you if you embrace her.*

*<sup>9</sup> “She will place on your head a garland of grace;*

*She will present you with a crown of beauty.”*

*<sup>10</sup> Hear, my son, and accept my sayings*

*And the years of your life will be many.*

*<sup>11</sup> I have directed you in the way of wisdom;*

*I have led you in upright paths.*

*<sup>12</sup> When you walk, your steps will not be impeded;*

*And if you run, you will not stumble.*

*<sup>13</sup> Take hold of instruction; do not let go.*

*Guard her, for she is your life.”*