<u>Meditation on Wisdom</u>

Proverbs - Chapter 2



Introduction

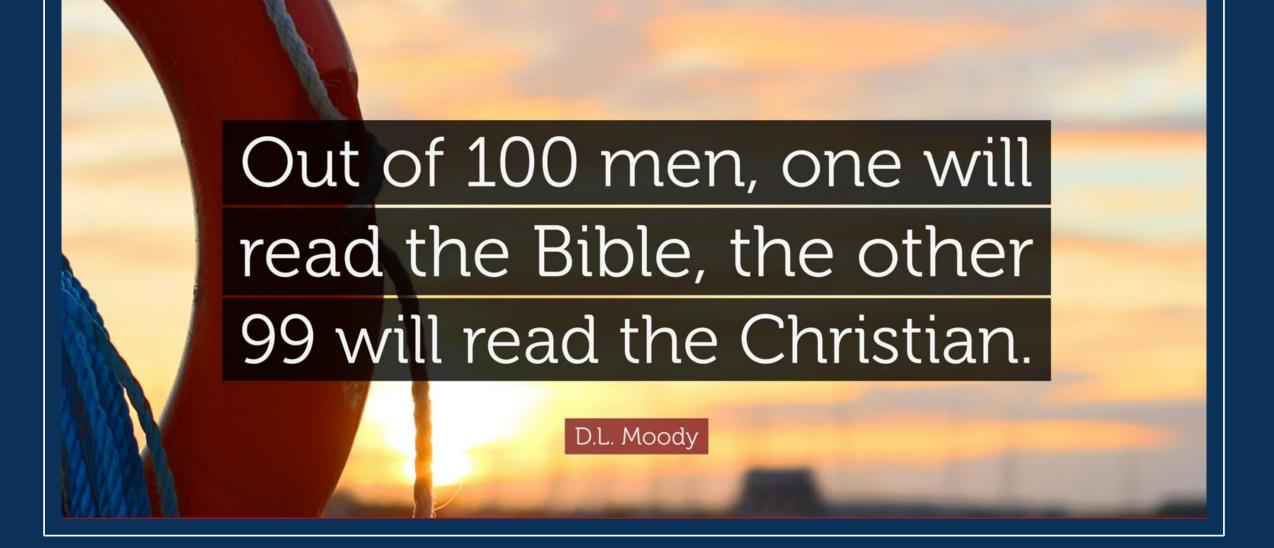
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Introduction

- Proverbs in Hebrew is "mishle" means "short sayings that are given to govern life and conduct."
- Heavenly Wisdom applied to Earthly Problems
- Its devoted especially to Practical Life(Daily Walk)
- Its like New Testament Book in Old Testament
- If -then- For (Steps in getting Wisdom)
- Dos,Don'ts,Exortations,Promises etc.,

What is Knowledge and Wisdom

- Knowledge is Knowing something is to perceive it or to be aware of it.
- Knowledge, on the other hand, is "information gained through experience, reasoning, series of mistakes, acquaintance."
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge" (<u>Proverbs 1:7</u>). The word fear here is not dread or terror but a reverence for God, respect for His law, His will, His rule in our lives, and the fear of offending Him, which will lead us to obey, worship and praise Him.
- knowledge is a gift from God. <u>Proverbs 2:6</u> (For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding)

What is Knowledge and Wisdom

- Wisdom is Application of Knowledge(Knowing and Doing the right thing)
- Knowledge can exist without wisdom, but not the other way around.
- One can be knowledgeable without being wise.
- Knowledge is knowing how to use a gun;

wisdom is knowing when to use it and when to keep it holstered.

How to seek Wisdom (Treasure Hunt)

Prov1:1 My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, **2** So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; **3** Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, 4 If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures: 5 Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; 7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; 8 He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. 9Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path. **10**When wisdom enters your heart,

And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,

Benefits of having Wisdom

Proverbs 2:12 Wisdom will save you from evil people, from those whose words are twisted.

13These men turn from the right way to walk down dark paths.

14They take pleasure in doing wrong, and they enjoy the twisted ways of evil.

15 Their actions are crooked, and their ways are wrong.

16 Wisdom will save you from the immoral woman, from the seductive words of the promiscuous woman.

17 She has abandoned her husband and ignores the covenant she made before God.

18 Entering her house leads to death; it is the road to the grave.

19 The man who visits her is doomed. He will never reach the paths of life.

20 So follow the steps of the good, and stay on the paths of the righteous.

21 For only the godly will live in the land, and those with integrity will remain in it.

22 But the wicked will be removed from the land, and the treacherous will be uprooted.



Joseph and Moses- Acts 7:9,10,20-22

9 "And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him

10and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his hous

Moses:

20 At this time Moses was born, and was well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father's house for three months.

21 But when he was set out, Pharaoh's daughter took him away and brought him up as her own son.

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

Bezalel and Aholiab(Exodus 31:1-6)

<u>1</u>Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2"See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

<u>3</u>And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *manner of* workmanship,

4to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze,

<u>5</u>in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all *manner of* workmanship.

6"And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you

King David, Joshua

- I Samuel 14:20 Your servant Joab did this to change the present situation. My lord has wisdom like that of an angel of God—he knows everything that happens in the land."
- Deut 34: 9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. everything that is in the earth."

King Solomon 1Kings3: 10-13

10 The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice,

12 behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

13 And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

Paul and Stephen

- Peter3:15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, <u>16</u>as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.
- Acts 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

<u>9</u>Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen.

<u>10</u>And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke



Luke 2:40 And the child grew and became strong; he was **filled with wisdom**, and the grace of God was on him.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus **increased in wisdom** and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Jesus is Wisdom

- God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin(1 Cor 1:30)
- But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Cor 1:24)
- Not only knowing HIM personally by reading the word of God with help of Holy Spirit God.
- Also walking in the same way in HIS foot steps is also wisdom.



Summary and Conclusion

In Christian Life Wisdom is very important.

- Christ is Wisdom to us (Knowing and Following HIM)
- Two main points for Wisdom
 - Reverence to God and
 - Knowing God