

**The World
of
Wisdom**

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INTRODUCTION

Wisdom is so important in life and necessary without which life may become miserable. From the scripture we see man in the Garden of Eden desired to get wisdom but from a wrong source and brought tragedy to all mankind (Genesis 3:1-19). The serpent visited the Garden of Eden (actually Satan himself disguised as a serpent) and from henceforth life for mankind as a whole became tricky as Satan had come down to earth full of tricks up his sleeves and one must have true wisdom to overcome him or else one lacking that wisdom Satan will outsmart him/her.

Satan is always around to trick foolish people. He had excelled in tricks and is a trickster. He is not there only to trick the foolish ones but also the wise ones who are not sober and vigilant. (John 8:44, 1 Peter 5:8-9, Job 1:6-2: 1-10)

From the above you can see for yourself that one need to have wisdom, more wisdom than the serpent.

Satan is not ashamed for he went ahead and tempted the Son of the living God and failed miserably. (Luke 4:1-13) Because of the above, he (Satan) will tempt any one regardless of one's education, wealth, experience in life, position in the society, name it. Through this book you have a chance to know what wisdom is and how you can get it, if you don't have wisdom from above (the only true wisdom) available only from God the Creator of heaven and earth.

Please enjoy a healthy reading and come out wisely blessed, in Jesus' name, Amen. (Proverbs 13:13-14, 16:20-24; 24:13-14).

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Chapter 1

Wisdom defined

Wisdom is the knowledge of God that is applied rightly as God intends by doing the will of God and is actually to shun all evil.

But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?

Job 28:12

Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?

Job 28:20

THE proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

A wise man will hear, and will increase learning;
and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise
counsels:

To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the
words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge:
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:1-7

The word of God in the Holy Bible are words of
instruction to man for right and sensible life here on
earth and are termed as wise counsels and are to be
obeyed fully to have a meaningful life before God
and therefore to hate them is foolhardy and has
serious eternal consequences that cannot be gain
said going by the Scripture.

From the above it is explicitly clear to all that all
mankind need to love to read and study and
meditate on the word of God and also to hear and to
obey to be on a right standing with God his Creator
otherwise it will be gloom and doom. Just as in the
Garden of Eden after God's instruction/
commandment; the discretion was in the hands of

Adam and Eve, so it is with you and I in this dispensation. So let us be wise and not otherwise.

From the above scriptures we can see that wisdom is equated to understanding and is essentially avoiding/departing from evil as far as God is concerned under any circumstance in life.

Many have claimed to have wisdom but if you closely look at their lives, you will find that they have suffered many knock-outs from the devil. A mere knowledge of the word of God is not enough to qualify one to be considered as wise but the understanding of that knowledge to be able to make the right decisions and act on them always. (Job 1:1)

THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

Job 1:1

Now we are going to look at some scriptures and see the life of Jesus Christ and some other people who in their lives they showed wisdom.

1. Jesus Christ

AND Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil.

And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

And the devil said unto him, if thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, THAT MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD.

And the devil, taking him up into a high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will give it.

If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt

worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

And he brought him unto Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, if thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone

And Jesus answering said unto him, it is said, Thou shalt not tempt the lord thy god.

Luke 4:1-12

And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or we look for Another?

And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended of me.

Luke 7:19-23

Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.

And they sent out unto him their disciples with the He-ro'-di-ans, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.

Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?

But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

Show me the tribute money.

And they brought unto him a penny.

And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?

They say unto him. Caesars. Then he saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

When they heard these words, they marveled, and left him, and went their way.

Matthew 22:15-22

Yes, true wisdom will make people to marvel at you especially those who are ignorant and lacking in that wisdom.

The same day came to him the Sad'-du-cees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him, Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:

Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.

And last of all the woman died also.

Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels of God in heaven.

But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.

Matthew 22:23-33

But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sad'-du-cees to silence, they were gathered together.

Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,
Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:34-40

You can see clearly from the above incident that the lawyer who asked the Lord Jesus Christ a question was a man who had only head knowledge which actually is not wisdom at all. Wisdom go beyond head knowledge. Divine knowledge comes not from the Education of this world.

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ?

Whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David.

He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,

The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?

And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

Matthew 22:41-46

People were fond of asking the Lord Jesus Christ questions, which the Lord all answered properly to their amazement. It was now the Lord's time to ask just one question, which no body could be found to even just try to answer. My reader, you need the Spirit of God to start getting sound wisdom.

The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

Our fathers worshiped at this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

THEN came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen hands, they found fault.

For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brazen vessels, and of tables.

Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

He answered and said unto them, Well hath Isaiah prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written,

This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Mark 7:1-7

The above is what is happening to many, many, many churches today world wide. Wisdom of men has been substituted as the word of God, How pathetic!

AT that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungered and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.

But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungered, and they that were with him;

How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the show bread, which was not lawful for him to

eat, neither for them which were with him but only for the priests?

Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blame less?

But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.

But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

Matthew 12:1-8

And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? And who gave thee this authority?

And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven,
or of men? And they reasoned with themselves,
saying,

If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us
Why did ye not then believe him?

But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for
all hold John as a prophet

And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell.

And he said unto them Neither tell I you by what
authority I do these things.

Matthew 21:23-27

THEN, came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which
were of Jerusalem, saying,

Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the
elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat
bread.

But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye
also transgress the commandment of God by your
tradition?

For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and
mother: and he that curseth father or mother, let
him die the death.

But ye say, whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightiest be profited by me;

And honor not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus ye have made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. but in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

Then came his disciples, and said unto him, knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

But he answered and said, every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind.
And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into
the ditch:

Matthew 15:1-14

2. David

THEN they told David, saying, Behold, the Phil-is'-tines fight against Kei'-lah, and they rob the threshing floors.

Therefore **David inquired of the LORD**, saying shall I go and smite these Phil-is-tines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Phil-is'-tines, and save Kei'-lah.

And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Kei'-lah against the armies of the Phil-is'-tines?

Then **David inquired of the LORD**, yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Kei'-lah; for I will deliver the Phil-is'-tines into thine hand.

So David and his men went to Kei'-lah, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a

great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Kei'-lah.

And it came to pass when A-bi-a-thar the son of A-him'-e-lech fled to David to Kei'-lah, that he came down with an e'-phod in his hand.

And it was told Saul that David was come to Kei'-lah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars.

And Saul called all the people together to war, to go to Kei'-lah, to besiege David and his men.

And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to A-bi'-a-thar the priest, Bring hither the e'-phod.

Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Kei'-lah, to destroy the city for my sake.

Will the men of Kei'-lah deliver me up into his hand? Will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? **O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant.** And the LORD said, He will come down.

Then said David, Will then men of Kei'-lah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?

And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up.

1 Samuel 23:1-12

AND it come to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Phil-is'-tines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of En-ge'-di.

Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, behold, I will deliver thine enemy in to thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.

And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.

So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.

1 Samuel 24:1-7

So David and Abi'-shai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

Then said Abi'-shai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time.

**And David said to Abi'-shai, destroy him not:
for who can stretch forth his hand against the
LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless?**

David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

1 Samuel 26:7-10

So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahin'-o-am the Jez'-reel-i-tess, and Ab'-i-gail the wife of Na-bal the Carmelite.

And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

And David said to A-bi'-a-thar the priest, A-him'-e-lech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the e'-phod. And A-bi'-a-thar brought thither the e'-phod to David.

And David inquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

1 Samuel 30:3-8

But when the Phil-is'-tines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Phil-is'-tines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold.

The Phil-is'-tines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Reph'-a-im.

And David inquired of the LORD, saying, shall I go up to the Phil-is'-tines? Wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Phil-is'-tines into thine hand.

And David came to Ba'-al-per'-a-zim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Ba'-al-per'-a-zim.

And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them.

And the Phil-is'-tines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Reph'-a-im.

And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Phil-is'-tines.

And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Phil-is'-tines from Ge'-ba until thou come to Ga'-zer.

2 Samuel 5:17-25

You will notice that the enemy kept on coming again and again and again to fight the Israelites. It is so in the Christian Walk, the enemy will not tire up easily and will keep on coming to tempt and fight Christians. But keep heart as your God, The Lord Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts) will surely fight for you if you remain in him in complete obedience, as the battle is not yours but God's (2 Chronicles 20:13-15). The Lord shall fight for you (Exodus 14:13-14). King David kept on inquiring from the Lord on what to do and the Lord always instructed him accordingly. The Lord God is the captain and the commander-in-chief of the army of God. Just follow the instructions and the victory is yours. Stand firm and be not dismayed (Joshua 1:9)

AND David said, is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

And there was one of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Zi'-ba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, Art thou Zi'-ba? And he said, Thy servant is he.

And the king said, is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God unto him? And Zi'-ba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.

And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Zi'-ba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Ma'-chir, the son of Am'-mi-el, in Lo-de'-bar.

Then King David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Ma'-chir, the son of Am'-mi-el, from Lo-de'-bar.

Now when Me-phen'-o-sheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Me-phen'-o-sheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant!

And David said unto him, Fear not; for I will surely show thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy grand father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

Then the king called the Zi'-ba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.

Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Me-phib'-o-sheth thy master's son shall eat bread always at my table. Now Zi'-ba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

Then said Zi'-ba unto the king, according to all that my Lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Me-phib'-o-sheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

And Me-phib'-o-sheth had a young son, whose name was Mi'-cha.

And all that dwelt in the house of Zi'ba were servants unto Me-phib'-o-sheth.

So Me-phib'-o-sheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the kings table; and was lame on both his feet.

2 Samuel 9

Maybe you are wondering why king David did what he did above.

Well, King David proved beyond reasonable doubt that he was not playing hypocrite to the late Jonathan, Saul's son, who was his close friend. Moreover, the Lord God expects us to remember those that are considered 'low' in the society and give some help if we can. David could not break his covenant with his late friend (Jonathan) the son of Saul.

David followed after the pattern of God as God is a God of covenants and keeps his covenants faithfully. Let us look at the covenant.

AND it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

1 Samuel 18:1-4

3. Abraham

AND Abram went up out of Egypt, he and his wife, and all that he had, and lot with him, into the South. And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

And he went on his journeys from the south even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Ha'-l;

Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

And the land was not able to bear them that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the Ca'-na-an-ite and the Per'-iz-zite dwelled then in the land.

And Abram said unto Lot, let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy headmen; for we be brethren.

Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Go-mor'-rah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zo'-ar.

Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mam'-re, which is in He'-bron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

Genesis 13

We have quite a number of lessons to be learned from the above scriptures. We have seen that the substance of both Abram and Lot was great so that they could not dwell together and there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle. A solution must be found. Abram's wisdom saved the day. Abram wanted

peace as a servant of God whom he serves, who is the Prince of peace and he had this as a solution (verses 8-9). Please read the following in reference to Abram's response to the problem at hand- Romans 12:18, Philippians 2:14-16 and Hebrews 12:14.

Abram was a man of faith (in fact the scripture says he is the father of faith on those who will believe in God) (Romans 4:9-11) Abram had believed God by his obedience (Genesis 12:1-4) Abram was walking by faith and not by sight as Lot (2 Corinthians 5:7) and therefore because Abram trusted in the Lord God he did dwell at the right place, at a better place in the land of Canaan. But Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent toward Sodom. (verses 10--13)

Lot later regretted to have chosen the wrong side altogether (Genesis 19:1-9, 2 Peter 2:4-7)

You can see that because Abram had believed in God and was walking in righteousness before him, The Lord God blessed him with abundance and the scripture was fulfilled in his life. (Matthew 6:28-33, Genesis 13:1-2, 14-18). If you have true faith (bible

faith) in God and continue to trust him, God will surely place you where you are supposed to be as he has good plans for you. (Jeremiah 29:11)

4. Solomon

And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places

And the king went to Gib'-eon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

In Gib'-eon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

And Solomon said, Thou hast showed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am

but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

And God said unto him, because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgement;

Behold, I have done according to thy words: Lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.

And the one woman said, O my Lord I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.

And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.

And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thire handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.

And the other women said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.

Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.

And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

And the king said, Divide the living child in two and give half to the one, and half to the other.

Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my Lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.

Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.

And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

1 Kings 3:3-28

We have some lessons to learn from the above. Solomon loved the Lord by walking in the statutes of David his father who had walked before God in truth, and in righteousness and in uprightness of heart and hence the Lord appeared to him in a dream. The Lord knew the desire of Solomon's heart after he had taken over the throne from his father that he needed wisdom very badly to enable him govern Israel properly. Now because God knew he would choose a good thing indeed, God purposed to give Solomon more than he had asked for. Wisdom is part of the righteousness of God, actually the foundation of God. (verses 3--15)

We find that wisdom is needed to tackle very difficult situations in life. Leadership without wisdom is no leadership/ is bad leadership. No wonder the presidents of countries in the world are closely surrounded with advisors. I am saying so because without wisdom how could king Solomon solve the issue that was brought before him by those two harlots? save one has the wisdom from God- (verses 16-28)

And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the seashore.

And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

For he was wiser than all men; than E'-than the Ez'-ra-hite, and He'-man, and Chal'-dol, and Dar'-da, the sons of Ma'-hol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Leb'-a-non even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kinds of kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

1 Kings 4:29-34

AND it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.

And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.

And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.

And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about.

The nethermost chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

And the house, when it was in building was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:

And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

1 Kings 6:1-14

THEN Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Eth'-anim, which is the seventh month.

And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.

And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the Cher'-u-bim.

For the Cher'-u-bim spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the Cher'-u-bim covered the ark and the stakes thereof above.

And they drew out the staves that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the

oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.

There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Hor'-eb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,

So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

1 Kings 8:1-11

From these two latter scriptures you can see how Solomon with the wisdom God gave him how he went ahead and built a temple of the Lord where God would dwell among the children of Israel and how he assembled the people before him and ordered the ark of the covenant together with all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle to be brought into the house of the Lord. If you read on

chapter 6 to the end you will see the expertise used in building that temple and which was finished in the eighth month (the number eight stands for a new beginning) having taking seven years to be completed (the number seven stands for completion or perfect). For sure it was a perfect job well done. King Solomon assembled the people at the feast in the seventh month to dedicate the temple to the Lord (quite a coincident it was) and God acknowledged the house and it's worship by symbolically showing his presence to the people just as he had since they were delivered from Egypt.

5. Jehoshafat

And A'-sa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. And they buried him in his own sepulchers, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odors and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

AND Je-hosh'-a-phat his son reigned in his stead,
and strengthened himself against Israel.

And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of
Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in
the cities of E'-phra-im, which A'-sa his father had
taken.

And the LORD was with Je-hosh'-a-phat, because
he walked in the first ways of his father, David, and
sought not unto Ba'-a-lim; But sought to the LORD
God of his father, and walked in his
commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.

Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his
hand; and all Judah brought to Je-hosh'-a-phat
presents; and he had riches and honor in abundance.
And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the
LORD: moreover he took away the high places and
groves out of Judah.

Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his
princes, even to Ben'-hail, and to O'-ba-diah, and
to Zech-a-ri'-ah, and to Nethan'-eel, and to Mi'-
chai'-ah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

And with them he sent Levites, even Shem-ai'-ah,
and Neth-a-ni'-ah, and Zeb-a-di'ah, and As'-a-hel,

and She-mi'-ra-moth, and Je-hon'-a-than, and Ad-o-ni'-jah, and To-bi'-jah, and Tob-ad-o-ni'-jah, Levites; and with them Elish'-a-ma and Je-ho'-ram, priests.

And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

2 Chronicles 16:13-17:1-9

IT came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Am'-mon-ites, came against Je-hosh'-a-phat to battle.

Then there came some that told Je-hosh'-a-phat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side of Syria; and behold, they be in Haz'-a-zon-ta'-mar, which is En-ge'-di.

And Je-hosh'-a-phat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

And Judah gathered themselves together to ask help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD

And Je-hosh'-a-phat, stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,

And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?

And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary there in for thy name, saying,

If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgement, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Se'-ir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;

Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

Then upon Ja-ha'-zi-el son of Ze-ch-a-ri'-ah, the son of Be-nai'-ah, the son of Jei'-l, the son of Mat-ta-ni'-ah, a Levite of the sons of A'-saph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;

And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitant of Jerusalem, and thou king Je-hosh'-aphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid

nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

2 Chronicles 20:1-13

Now king Jehoshaphat did a great thing here. After hearing the news of the armies coming to invade him he first feared, but he did not succumb to such threat but rather took courage and did the needful—running to God, Jehoal El-Gibbor (A mighty and terrible God), Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of hosts) and surely they were safe. The king stood before the congregation and reminded God of his covenant with them to provoke him into action. (2 Chronicles 7:12-14, Proverbs 18:10)

6. Elisha

So Na'-a-man came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of E-li'-sha.

And E-li'-sha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

But Na'-a-man was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

Are not Ab'-a-na and Phar'-par, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.

2 Kings 5:9-16

Now Naaman is an example of so many leaders we have today in the world. Because they see themselves in high positions, they hardly want to listen to people they are leading. They are seriously intoxicated with power to a point they have become blind to the realities of life. Let me say this, if only they listened to true servants of God, they would prosper and not falter. (2 Chronicles 20:20)

Naaman had head knowledge (thoughts) and showed openly his folly compared to his servants. (verses 9--13). Any leader who does not want to humble oneself before people I can assure you will not go far. It is only by humility and not pride did Naaman finally get his healing. (Verse 14).

Now Elisha the prophet is one of the shining examples of a true servant of God, he had wisdom of God and utterly refused the so called 'blessing'

from Naaman. (Verses 15-16). Many who claim to be servants of God are just too quick to take blessings from those they serve without any understanding and a “blessing” has become their motivator and not the love of God - Agape love, so to speak (1 Timothy 6:10, Philippians 3:17-19, Jude 10-11).

7. Peter

And when Simon saw that through laying on of apostles hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered money,

Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Acts 8:18-22

Apostle Peter was wise enough to see the folly of Simon and to rebuke him right away and show him the right way out. (1 Timothy 5:20).

Many need to repent in churches who sell ‘anointing oil’ to their congregants and those who tell their congregants to sow a seed or pay out this or that amount of money to be prayed for to get a breakthrough, a healing, a blessing etc from God- A bunch of hypocrites and servants of the devil. (2 Corinthians 11:13-15, Matthew 10:8, Galatians 1:6-9).

8. Abigail

AND Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ra’-mah.

And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Par’-an.

And there was a man in Ma'-on, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

Now the name of the man was Na'-bal; and the name of his wife Ab'-i-gail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.

And David heard in the wilderness that Na'-bal did shear his sheep.

And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Na'-bal, and greet him in my name:

And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.

And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there aught missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

Ask thy young men, and they will show thee. Wherefore let the young men find favor in thine

eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

And when David's young men came, they spake to Na'-bal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.

And Na'-bal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants nowadays that break away every man from his master.

Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be?

So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword.

And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

But one of the young men told Ab'-i-gail, Na'-bal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of

the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.

But the men were very good to us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields: They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Be'-li-al, that a man cannot speak to him.

Then Ab'-i-gail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of patched corn, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.

And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Na'-bal.

And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, David

and his men came down against her, and she met them.

Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.

So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

And when Ab'-i-gail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground.

And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my Lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

Let not my Lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Be'-li-al, even Na'-bal: for as his name is, so is he; Na'-bal is his name and folly is with him: but I thy handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden

thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Na'-bal.

And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days.

Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel;

That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offense of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but

when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord,
then remember thine handmaid.

And David said to Ab'-i-gail, Blessed be the LORD
God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me:
And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou,
which hast kept me back from hurting thee, except
thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely
there had not been left unto Na'-bal by the morning
light any that pisseth against the wall.

So David received of her hand that which she had
brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to
thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and
have accepted thy person.

1 Samuel 25:1-35

Now here we find a rich foolish man full of pride
and a wise woman (a woman of good
understanding) and innocent king of Israel-in-
waiting. Surely, David had just asked this rich man
Nabal in the most polite way possible for any help
through the young men whom he sent, but now
look at foolishness at work (verses 2-11) Nabal
must have known very well that David had been

anointed to be the next king of Israel after king Saul and that he (David) needed at least some respect. It did happen as it has been said ‘The thank you of an ass are kicks’ As we look at verse 25, we see that you are what is in your name. Advice: Watch what name you hold. Now when Abigail Nabal’s wife was told what was impending her family, she did not waste any minute but sprung into action (Proverbs 14:1), as a truly wise woman. (verses 12-20) Abigail showed humility to David unlike his husband Nabal. (verse 23).

We also see clearly that this wise woman went ahead to repent of her household’s sin and in the process actually, interceded for her household, (verses 24-31). There was at least someone to stand in the gap in this family that was about to be wiped out. (Ezekiel 22:30) Ooh, how good to have a wise woman!!! (Proverbs 31: 30, 1 Peter 3:1-4). Abigail not only saved her whole family from destruction but also the soul of David from avenging himself – and that is a plus (verses 32-35).

Now I do believe for sure that my reader has come to wonder why I have dwelt so much in this first chapter of the book.

Well, indeed I have dwelt here for quite a long time and reason- This is the theme of the book as a whole and this topic is of such importance in people's lives and further, I wanted to clearly explain what is wisdom and what is not as well as to illustrate practically what this thing wisdom entails, what it is like by examples (though a few) in the scriptures, in detail. I hope I have answered you in this.

Chapter 2

The Source of Wisdom

The true source of Wisdom is from God the Almighty, the creator of heaven and earth, the Alpha and the Omega, the Ancient of days and the Omniscient. God's Wisdom is as vast as all the oceans and seas of the world combined (Psalm 36:5-6) hence wisdom is a world of its own and that is how I came up with the book title on this subject of Wisdom.

The Holy scripture of God tells us that God's foolishness is more than a man's wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:25)

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men;
and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1 Corinthians 1:25

We are now going to see various scriptures that corroborate the fact that wisdom comes from God as the true source.

And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted,
whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that
they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate
him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's
office.

Exodus 28:3

He hath made the earth by his power, he hath
established the world by his wisdom, and hath
stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

Jeremiah 10:12

For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth
cometh knowledge and understanding.
He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous; he is
a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

Proverbs 2:6-7

As for these four children, God gave them
knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom:
and Daniel had understanding in all visions and
dreams.

Daniel 1:17

FOR I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at La – od – i – ce’ – a, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto **all riches of the full assurance of understanding** and of Christ; to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, **and of Christ;**

In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:1 - 3

Thou showest loving-kindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is his name.

Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give everyone according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

Jeremiah 32:18-19

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Romans 11:33

And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

For one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

1 Corinthians 12:6-8

Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth

wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

Daniel 2:19-22

For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

Luke 21:15

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

Psalms 104:24

Now what are those riches the psalmist in talking about in the above scripture? Wisdom.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bez'-a-leel son of U'-ri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

And I, behold, I have given with him A-ho'-li-ab, the son of A-his'-a-mach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;

The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense,

And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot,

And the clothes of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,

And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

Exodus 31:1-11

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD,

Isaiah 11:1-2

But where shall wisdom be found?

And where is the place of understanding?

Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, it is not with me.

It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.

No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

Whence then cometh wisdom? And where is the place of understanding?

Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

Job 28:12-23

There it is. Job asked the question and received the answer- God is the source of Wisdom. That wisdom is more than we can think or imagine.

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

Psalm 147:5

I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgement:

That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

When there was no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth;

While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

Proverbs 8:20-30

Wisdom was possessed by God prior to creation, God is therefore the owner.

I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

Job 32:7-9

From the above scripture we can see that wisdom does not come from age but from the inspiration of the Almighty (God) to man's spirit for one to get understanding.

By reason of the multitude of oppressions they
make the oppressed to cry: they cry out by reason
of the arm of the mighty.

But none saith, where is God my maker, who giveth
songs in the night;

Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth,
and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

Job 35:9-11

That scripture too points to the fact that God the
Creator is the one that teaches us (human beings)
and makes us wiser than all the other creatures.

Chapter 3

Types of Wisdom

If you look at the following scriptures you will come to know that born again Christians, are exposed to a vast divine knowledge and wisdom that cannot be matched with the unbelieving lot.

And his disciples asked him saying, What might this parable be?

And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysterious of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Luke 8:9-10

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought.

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:
for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep
things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual
blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

According as he hath chosen us in him before the
foundation of the world, that we should be holy and
without blame before him in love:

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of
children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the
good pleasure of his will,

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he
hath made us accepted in the beloved.

In whom we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his
grace;

Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom
and prudence;

Having made known unto the mystery of his will,
according to his good pleasure which he hath
purposed in himself:

Ephesians 1:3-9

Whereof I was made a minister, according to the
gift of the grace of God given unto me by the
effectual working of his power.

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is
this grace given, that I should preach among the
Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of
the mystery, which from the beginning of the world
hath been hid in God, who created all things by
Jesus Christ:

To the intent that now unto the principalities and
powers in heavenly places might be known by the
church the manifold wisdom of God,

According to the eternal purpose which he
purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In whom we have boldness and access with
confidence by the faith of him.

Ephesians 3:7-12

And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Li'-ber-tines, and Cy-re'-ni-ans, and Al-ex-an'-dri-ans and of them of Ci-li'-ci-a and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

Acts 6:8-10

All those people mentioned in that scripture and they were quite a number, could not resist the wisdom that Stephen had. So nobody need joke around with born again Christians.

There are other types of wisdom and now we are going to look at each type helped by the scriptures to see for ourselves.

1. God's wisdom

Although we found out in the previous chapter that God actually is the source of wisdom, Let us here at this juncture look closely at the wisdom of God and see for yourself how it is like. Before we go to the

scriptures let me say this: God's wisdom is divine wisdom and is the: original, true, genuine, pure, sound and absolute wisdom.

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1 Corinthians 2:6-7

You can see for yourself that the wisdom of God is superior to all other wisdom, as other wisdom come to nothing (nought).

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

James 3:17

Eeh, my brother in the Lord James, the half brother of our Lord Jesus Christ, has really described the wisdom of God in the most splendid way!

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,
Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Far above all principality, and power, and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 1:15-23

In a nutshell Christianity is a world of wisdom as one is exposed to an expanse of divine wisdom and knowledge (Acts 6:1-10, Matthew 16:13-17, Acts 5:1-4, Matthew 13:1-11)

2. Man's wisdom

The wisdom of man is opposed to the wisdom of God. It is self satisfying and values more the things of the world. It is wisdom devoid of God. Let us look at some scriptures that touch on this kind of wisdom.

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

You can see from the above scripture that man's wisdom is merely enticing words. Moreover it has no power. That is why people must now stop tolerating false gospel from false teachers and preachers but shun it in totality. (2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 2Peter 2:1-3, 1 Timothy 6:3-5).

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent

Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the
disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish
the wisdom of this world?

1 Corinthians 1:17-20

And he said to the people, When ye see a cloud rise
out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a
shower; and so it is.

And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say,
There will be heat; and it cometh to pass.

Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky
and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern
this time?

Luke 12:54-56

It is true that man's wisdom is superficial and
therefore hypocritical in nature as it does not
portray the true picture of things. How true that at
this time many have not discerned the period we are
living in, just as those people who were living at the
time Jesus Christ, the only Messiah was living here
on earth in human form. Many of us today are busy
and putting all their efforts and energy on things

which are temporal and don't have any impact on their eternity and thinking at the same time, that they are wise. May the Lord help us, to have our ears to hear and our eyes to see.

Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

and again, the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

1 Corinthians 3:18-20

For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

Luke 14:28-32

The above is an illustration of man's wisdom. It is common wisdom-common sense wisdom, unlike God's wisdom which is supernatural and extraordinary in comparison to man's wisdom. In true sense of the word, man's wisdom is the wisdom of this world, introduced in the world by Satan.

3. Satan's wisdom

Now the wisdom of Satan from the onset is perverted wisdom, is ingenuine wisdom, is corrupted wisdom, is wicked wisdom, contradictory

wisdom. Let us straight away look at some scriptures that touch on this kind of wisdom

NOW the serpent was more subtile than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

And the serpent said un to the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:1-5

Now we have come to the world of tricks as the trickster Satan himself has come to the world so be on the watch wherever you are. Satan distorted facts to the woman Eve and managed to convince her to go against her true convictions.

But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

James 3:14-16

The Devil is very good at confusing people. He confused Eve such that Eve could not discern what is right and what is wrong, what is true and what is false. Satan's wisdom is no wisdom- it is false wisdom at most. Satan's wisdom is more or less just like man's wisdom- wisdom of the head (head knowledge) and used by reasoning and rationalizing.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of

God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isaiah 14:12-15

The above wisdom is corrupted wisdom and egocentric in nature. It comes from vain imaginations.

Lucifer was a mere creature and now thinks he can be above God his creator, how tragic! He is ending on hell via the earth. He is yet to reach his final destination. (Verse 15) (Revelation 12:12).

Thou art the anointed Cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Thou wast perfect in thy way from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering Cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Ezekiel 28:14-17

Satan's wisdom is of the world. It is earthly just like man's wisdom and serves self interest. It is self glorifying. It is evil and is contrary to the wisdom of God. It is myopic in nature, as it has been darkened by evil. Iniquity (sin) darkened the heart and mind of the holder.

Chapter 4

The importance of wisdom

Wisdom is a very, very important thing in life because on a daily basis one is always confronted with a myriad of problems and one has to come up with a solution through decision making for course of action. This decision must be sound in every way under the circumstances and therefore that calls for wisdom. If wisdom is lacking and one takes a decision and acts on it, it will be a wrong one which will not solve the problem but may even worsen/complicate it. Therefore, wisdom is key in life, just as faith in God. By the way the two are like siblings. A good example of wisdom in decision making can be seen in 1 Kings 3:16-27. But know for sure that all need wisdom, not only leaders, but all people of all walks of life, you reader included. Now the first and most important decision one can make in life is to surrender one's life to God through Christ Jesus, who is Lord of Lords and King of kings, by repenting of one's sins and accepting him in one's life by inviting him to

come to one's heart. (1 Timothy 1:15-16, 2:5-7, John 3:16, Romans 6:23, Revelation 3:20).

Let us now move on to the scriptures that touch on the importance of wisdom in one's life.

And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do that cometh after the king? even that which hath been already done.

Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.

Ecclesiastes 2:12-13

Wisdom is an excellent thing in one's life and can be equated to light.

Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them that see the sun.

For wisdom is a defense, and money is a defense: but the Excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

Ecclesiastes 7:11-12

Wisdom not only has profit but is a defense and gives life.

Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city

Ecclesiastes 7:19

Wisdom as we see above must be very strong indeed.

Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her.

She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

Proverbs 4:5-9

Wisdom can keep and preserve life and bring honor as well.

Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.

Ecclesiastes 9:18

For sure wisdom is powerful as is better than all the things one can defend oneself with.

FOR I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at La-od-i-ce'-a, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;
That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;
In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:1-3

In the above scripture we do see that by wisdom and understanding we come to fear God and depart from evil (Job 28:28).

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold,
so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.

Proverbs 25:11-12

All the above speak of the importance of one thing
which is none other than wisdom.

The fear of the LORD longeth days: but the
years of the wicked shall be shortened.

Proverbs 10:27

Wisdom which actually comes from the fear of the
Lord can prolong your days to live a long life.

But the wicked (foolish man or woman) his or her
days may be shortened, dying early before your
time. See 1 Samuel 25:36-38 (refer chapter 1-
Abigail)

EVERY wise woman buildeth her house: but the
foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the
LORD: but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth
him.

Proverbs 14:1-2

All truth is parallel. We need to walk in uprightness to show that we fear the Lord whether a woman or a man, if not, we are despising the Lord and instead of building our house (family) we will be plucking it down (destroying it).

For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple, concerning evil.

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. A'-men.

Romans 16:19-20

Now to be wise in doing that which is good is to live a righteous life by shunning evil and which paves way for God to fight your battles as God's grace is with you- he is gracious to them that live uprightly.

But when the Phil-is'-tines had that they had anointed David King over Israel, all the Phil-is'-tines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold.

The Phil-is'-tines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Reph'-a-im

And David inquired of the LORD, saying, shall I go up to the Phil-is'-tines? Wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Phil-is'-tines into thine hand.

And David came to Ba'-al-per'-a-zim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Ba'-al-per'-a-zim.

And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them.

And the Phil-is'-tines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Reph'-a-im.

And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind

them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Phil-is'-tines.

And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Phil-is'-tines from Ge'-ba until thou come to Ga'-zer.

2 Samuel 5:17-25

Now here we find that kind David because he was wise inquired from the Lord all every time he was faced with the enemy instead of relying only on his wisdom which is very much limited. He went to sharpen it (have it sharpened, by the Lord himself, who is all wise). David did not just go straight to fight, not sure of the outcome if it will be favorable to him or not. Otherwise, if he didn't, how could he know all those fine details and timing that the Lord did reveal to him? It would have been impossible

and he would have been badly defeated by the enemies.

AND it came to pass, when king Hez-e-ki'-ah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

And he sent E-li'-a-kim, who was over the household, and Sheb'-na the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloths, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

And they said unto him, Thus saith Hez-e-ki'-ah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.

It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rab'-sha-keh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left.

So the servants of king Hez-e-ki'-ah came to Isaiah. And Isaiah said unto them, thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD,

Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

So Rab'-sha-keh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Lib'-nah: for he had heard that he was departed from La'-chish.

And he heard say concerning Tir-ha'-kah king of E-thi-o'-pi-a, He is come forth, to make war with thee. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hez-e-ki'-ah, saying,

Thus shall ye speak to Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah, saying,

Let not thy God in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?

Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Go'-zan, and Har'-

an, and Re'-zeph, and the children of Eden which were in Te-las'-sar?

Where is the king of Ha'-math, and the king of Ar'-phad, and the king of the city of Se-phar-va'-im, He'-na and I'-vah?

And Hez-e-ki'-ah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hez-e-ki'-ah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

And Hez-e-ki'-ah prayed unto the LORD, saying,
O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cher'-u-bim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.

Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sen-nach'-er-ib, which hath sent to reproach the living God.

Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries,

And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only.

Isaiah 37:1-20

In the above scripture we see that Hezekiah the king of Judah had received bad news of how the king of Assyria was about to invade them and boasting to him. King Hezekiah was wise and resorted to pray to God and before doing so he humbled himself and sent the priests to the prophet Isaiah and later praised the Lord before presenting his petition and if we read further to the end of the chapter we see that God intervened and rescued them from the boastful king of Assyria.

Now that is wisdom. Many in such a situation would have panicked or gone to war without any proper preparation and be defeated and still others would have gone to seek counsel from witchdoctors or their advisors rather than from the living God. Here we find that only the wisdom of king Hezekiah saved them by seeking divine help.

Then came there two women, that were harlots,
unto the king, and stood before him.

And the one woman said, O my Lord, I and this
woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a
child with her in the house.

And it came to pass on the third day after that I was
delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and
we were together; there was no stranger with us in
the house, save we two in the house.

And this woman's child died in the night; because
she overlaid it.

And she arose at midnight and took my son from
beside me, while thine hand maid slept, and laid it
in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

And when I arose in the morning to give my child
suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had
considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my
son which I did bear.

And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is
my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No;
but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son.
Thus they spake before the king.

Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.

And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my Lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.

Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.

And all Israel heard of the judgement which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

1 Kings 3:16-28

King Solomon was able to give the right and just judgement only because God had earlier given him wisdom (verses 3-12) and therefore wisdom is very important as in life we will always be faced with difficult and perplexing situations and only wisdom can help us make the wise decision under the circumstances. If wisdom is lacking we would fail miserably in life. King Solomon was faced by a quite a tricky situation but only managed as a result of wisdom from above.

And there was a man in Ma'-on, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing sheep in Carmel.

Now the name of the man was Na'-bal; and the name of his wife Ab-i-gail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.

And David heard in the wilderness that Na'-bal did shear his sheep.

And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Na'-bal, and greet him in my name:

And thus shall ye say unto him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.

And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there aught missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

Ask thy young men, and they will show thee. Wherefore let the young men find favor in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

And when David's young men came, they spake to Na-bal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.

And Na'-bal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants nowadays that break away every man from his master.

Shall I then take my bread, and my water and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men whom I know not whence they be?

So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him those sayings.

And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

But one of the young men told Ab'-i-gail, Na'-bal's wife saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.

But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:

They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and

against all his household: for he is such a son of Be'-li-al, that a man cannot speak to him.

1 Samuel 25:2-17

In the above scripture David had escaped to the wilderness running away from Saul who was after his life and therefore he was desperate with those that he was with and wanted some help (provision) from the prosperous Nabal but Nabal was too proud being a fool as his name suggests and he did not give the messengers David sent to him anything. David was not happy and was determined to shed blood in Nabal's household.

Thank God because of Nabal's wife Abigail who we are told was a woman of good understanding and who was informed of her husband's folly by what he did. Abigail wasted no time but quickly prepared to go and meet David out there and she carried provision with her and was going to ask for forgiveness from David. Abigail's wisdom saved her household from being wiped out. You read on from verse 18 onwards on what later transpired.

THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

Job 1:1-3

In the above scripture we do find quite a contrast of Nabal. First of all Nabal was a fool as his name suggests but Job on the other hand was a wise man because he lived uprightly in the fear of God and shunned evil. Secondly, Nabal's substance were few compared to Job's whose substance were so much or let us say he was super rich and wealthy. Lastly, Nabal talked foolishly when he was approached for some help by David whereas Job did not speak of any evil against God when Satan tempted him repeatedly but blessed him. The result

of Nabal's foolishness led him to death whereas the result of Job's behaviour which was good in God's sight led him to his substance being restored to him two fold and his life lengthened by God –all these you can find as you read on from verses 4 up to verses 10 of chapter 2 as well as chapter 42 of the book from verse 7 up to 17.

You can read further the following scriptures as touching on the life of both Job and Nabal: Proverbs 9:10-11, Job 28:28, Proverbs 10:27-29 11:4-5, 19-20, 28; 12:14; 14:26-27; 18:21; 21:20-15, 28, 21; 22:4; 24:3-5; 25:11; 28:5-6; 29:23, Galatians 6: 7-8.

These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham and Ja'-pheth.

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come, before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Make thee an ark of go'-pher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

AND the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.

Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

Genesis 6:9-14; 7:1-12

In the above scripture we see that Noah was the only one who feared God and walked uprightly shunning unrighteousness as he was wise then and by that he saved his household as he was always obedient to God. God's favor is upon those that are wise who are obedient to him. If Noah was foolish he would have perished just like all the rest in his generation!! Thank God he was different in that generation by fearing God and walking uprightly was for his foe our own good.

Let us be wise and not try to be as every body going by the wind (human wisdom) and not by God's doctrine (true wisdom).

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the gentiles.

Matthew 10:16-18

Here the disciples were being advised to have wisdom as they were going to be confronted with many challenges, which they must be ready for.

The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things

Proverbs 15:28

Through wisdom is a house builded; and by understanding it is established:

And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counselors there is safety.

Wisdom is too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

Proverbs 24:3-7

All kinds of prosperity comes by wisdom. Wisdom is only open to the wise (those who fear the Lord and are walking in uprightness of heart). It follows therefore that one must be saved to start acquiring the wisdom of God. It follows God's principle that those who have more will be added to them and those who don't have, even the little which they have will be taken away.

The integrity of the upright shall guide them. But the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

Proverbs 11:3-5

A man shall not be established by wickedness; but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

Proverbs 12:3

In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

Proverbs 14:26

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

Proverbs 14:34

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Hosea 4:6

Eeh! It is serious to reject the knowledge of God as he will not only reject us but forget our children as well. Knowledge of the word of God and obeying the same is paramount for the wellbeing of our lives because if the Lord rejects you, where will you go?

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and

night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8

Many want prosperity and success but have forgotten the formula which the Lord God gave to his servant Joshua the son of Nun.

I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in the right paths.

When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

Proverbs 4:12-13

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Proverbs 4:18

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might sin against thee.

Psalms 119:11

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalms 119:105

A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Proverbs 22:3

Wisdom is good as it makes one to see evil from a far and therefore be in a position not to fall into it but a foolish man just bump right into it (fall into sin), as can't see it on his way.

My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

Proverbs 23:15-16

God will be very happy if you have wisdom and especially when you speak it out. Now if God is happy with you what do you think?

Wisdom is more important than wealth because true wealth is found in wisdom (Luke 12:15-21)

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in abundance of the things which he possesseth.

And he spake a parable unto them, saying, the ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will be bestow all my fruits and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall Those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Luke 12:15-21

To have wealth alone in this world without wisdom of God is not enough as can lead to pride and also later to abject poverty as don't know how or on what to use it on and so forth. But with wisdom, one can be able to handle appropriately any situation in life to one's best advantage. Ooh, how I wish all had wisdom- the poor and the rich, the illiterate and the educated alike. (Proverbs 16:16). But mine is just a wish because it is impossible, why? Because not all people know what is wisdom or what it entails, not all know the importance of wisdom, not all know how or where to get wisdom and not all want to have wisdom. (Proverbs 11:18; 19:21, 23). I can rightly say that leadership too, lacking true wisdom from God is no leadership/is bad leadership. No wonder, king Solomon after

being placed in leadership to take over from his father king David, he asked God for this very previous thing called wisdom, to help him in leadership and it made much difference in his leadership by being able to judge rightly by making the right decisions.

Many nations of the world are faced with a myriad of problems which are either partially solved after much struggle or remain unsolved and their citizens continue to suffer, why? Because those in leadership lack God in their lives and hence have also no integrity of heart and will be making unwise decisions in their reign and will be compromising issues before them because they lack the fear of the Lord. Such leaders are led and ruled by the ruler of this world and therefore nothing good can come from their leadership (Ephesians 2:1-2)

AND you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and in sins;

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the

power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Ephesians 2:1-2

From that scripture we see the apostle Paul reminding the saints in the Ephesian church how they were walking (living) outside Christ before they believed in him- that they were ever in sin, following the world and led and ruled by the prince of the power of air (Satan) as they were disobedient to God their Creator. Even so now all the leaders without Christ are subjected to the same power. (John 14:30-31)- Jesus Christ had power over this bad/wicked ruler and therefore walked only in the will of his Father (God) who was with him. But those leaders who profess to have God in their lives and do contrary to the will of God are mere hypocrites giving lip service just as the scriptures say (John 8:42-47, Mark 7:1-7, Isaiah 29:13-15). All leaders need Christ Jesus in their lives for good leadership. (Proverbs 11:14)

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and come from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you conviceth me of sin? **And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.**

John 8:42-47

THEN came together unto him the Pharisees and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen hands, they found fault.

For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold as the washing of cups, and pots, brazen vessels, and of tables.

Then the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

He answered and said unto them, **Well hath Isaiah prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.**

Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Mark 7:1-7

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of toward me is taught by the precept of men:

Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among his people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? And who knoweth us?

Isaiah 29:13-15

Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Proverbs 11:14

Remember righteousness comes from the fear of the Lord which is equated to wisdom and true wisdom is from God therefore with an upright leader a nation can be exalted otherwise if no upright leader a nation suffers. (Proverbs 11:11; 14:34).

Chapter 5

The value of Wisdom

The value of Wisdom is quite big and cannot be comprehended, as we are going to see in the scriptures just in a little while.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding:

For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

Proverbs 3:13-18

The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

Proverbs 3:35

Look at the value of wisdom- glory. Glory surely is a great thing worth seeing and admiring.

For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

Proverbs 8:11, 19

And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do that cometh after the king? even that which hath been already done.

Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.

The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in darknes:.....

Ecclesiastes 2:12-14

If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.

Ecclesiastes 10:10

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

Matthew 7:6

Pearls are precious and of great value and wisdom here has been likened to pearls. The deep things in the word of God need not be shared with those who are not ready to faithfully take in and get blessed by them. The Lord Jesus Christ was advising his disciples not to share with those outside the family of God who evidently seem not ready for the good things in God's word. You can also read further Philippians 3:1-2, Revelation 22: 14-15, 1 Corinthians 2:13-14.

Notes to the reader.

Thank you very much for reading this book. You have noticed that for one to be truly wise, one need to repent of all sin and to invite the Lord in one's heart in faith and to henceforth walk in obedience to him. If you are not truly saved (born-again), please with sincerity of heart say this prayer wherever you are. "Lord Jesus, I come to you today as a sinner. I repent of all my sins. Please forgive me and save my life. I now do invite you to come into my heart. I ask all this in Jesus name, Amen".

Join a church that preaches and teaches the doctrines of Christ. Ask the pastor to baptize you in much water and ask to be prayed for to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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