
The Wisdom of God

What Does God Say? (Jack Hartman)

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(Proverbs 3:13 – 16)

Do you look at the wisdom of the world the same way that God does? Christians who have a great need for wisdom and turn to worldly sources of wisdom make a big mistake. You must understand that the Bible says that the wisdom of the world is “foolishness.” The amplification in the following passage of Scripture says that the world's wisdom is “absurdity and stupidity” from God's perspective. God looks at the thinking of worldly people who are acknowledged to be wise as being “futile.” If Jesus Christ is your Savior, you do not have to turn to worldly sources for wisdom. You have the supernatural wisdom of God available to you.

“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness (absurdity, stupidity) before God; for it is written [in Scripture], “[He is] The one who catches the wise and clever in their craftiness;” and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the [humanly] wise, that they are useless.” (1 Cor 3:19–20)

God will give you His wisdom according to your faith in Him

The following passage of Scripture promises that God will give you wisdom when you're human wisdom is insufficient. Highlight or underline the word “but” in this passage of Scripture. This promise from God is a conditional promise. You must do your part to receive supernatural wisdom from God. You must not doubt that God will give his wisdom to you. If your words and actions show any doubt, you are “double minded.” You must have absolute faith that your Father will give you the wisdom you need.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double minded man, unstable in all he does.” (James 1:5–8)

God's wisdom and knowledge are hidden from unbelievers

Unbelievers have no alternative except to trust in the world's wisdom. God's wisdom and knowledge were hidden from you before you received Jesus Christ as your Savior. God's wisdom and knowledge are supernatural spiritual treasures. Unfortunately, many Christians who have access to the supernatural wisdom of God do not receive this magnificent treasure. They have not learned and do not obey God's specific instructions that explain exactly what they should do to receive supernatural wisdom and knowledge from Him. You must turn to:

“Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (Colossians 2:2–3)

If Jesus Christ is your Savior, God's wisdom is not hidden from you

You are righteous before God if Jesus Christ is your Savior. You have been made righteous because of the blood that Jesus shed to pay the price for all of your sins. You are a privileged and beloved child of God. Receive by faith God's magnificent supernatural wisdom, knowledge and understanding that are hidden from every unbeliever. If Jesus is your Savior, your Father has stored up His wisdom for you. Learn and obey your Father's specific instructions that tell you exactly what to do to receive His wisdom.

“The Lord gives skillful and godly wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He hides away sound and godly wisdom and stores it for the righteous, those who are upright and in right standing with him.” (Prov 2:6–7)

If Jesus Christ is your Savior, you have the mind of Christ

Please underline the words “we have the mind of Christ” in the following verse of Scripture. The most precious possession any Christian has is the mind of Christ. If Jesus Christ is your Savior, you have the mind of Christ living within you. The “thoughts, feelings and purposes of his heart” are within you. Know Him. Believe this magnificent spiritual truth. Turn yourself to receive by faith the answer to every problem you will ever face. Do your words and actions consistently indicate that you know and believe that you have the mind of Christ?

“We have the mind of Christ, the Messiah, and do hold the thoughts, feelings and purposes of his heart.” (1 Corinthians 2:16)

What does your Father instruct you to do to receive His wisdom?

Please underline the words “the man who pleases him” in the following verse of Scripture. One of the ways to receive wisdom, knowledge and happiness from God is to please him. How do you please God? You please God by living a godly life. You please him by continually learning and consistently obeying the instructions he has given you in the Bible. You will be successful from God's perspective if you consistently study and meditate on His word, speak His word with faith and do your very best at all times to learn and obey His instructions. (Joshua 1:8)

“To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness.” (Ecclesiastes 2:26)

Receive God's wisdom by revering him and holding him in constant awe

Is the Lord in absolute first place in your life? Does every aspect of your life revolve around him? Do you revere Him? Are you in awe of Him? To fear the Lord is to revere Him and to hold Him in constant awe. If you sincerely desire to receive God's wisdom, you should learn everything you can about the fear of the Lord. Living in the fear of the Lord is absolutely essential to receiving his wisdom.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” (Proverbs 9:10)

God's wisdom will enable you to prosper and to live a long life

Some Christians invest a great deal of time and effort in an attempt to attain worldly wealth. They place little or no emphasis on receiving wisdom and understanding from God. Just the opposite should be true. If you receive wisdom and understanding from God, you will have everything you need.

Your Father says that nothing you desire can compare with His wisdom. He promises that you will live a long, successful, and prosperous life if you put your desire for His wisdom in first place ahead of everything else.

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You will prosper if you receive wisdom and understanding from God.

Your soul consists of your mind, your emotions and your will. Your thoughts, your feelings and the decisions you make will be much more productive if you are operating in God's wisdom. You will be prosperous in every area of your life if you continually yearn to receive wisdom and understanding from God. You should have a deep and

constant desire to receive wisdom and understanding from God. Be determined to follow all of the instructions your Father has given to you pertaining to His wisdom and understanding. You will be glad that you did.

“He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who cherishes understanding prospers.” (Proverbs 19:8)

Do not miss out on receiving the tremendous gift of God's wisdom

Please underline the words “do not forget” and “do not forsake” in the following passage of Scripture. Some Christians are missing out on receiving the wisdom that God has made available to them. They do not know the scriptural facts about God's wisdom that you are reading here. Your Father instructs you to “get” the wisdom and understanding that He has made available to you. There is a definite relationship between learning and obeying God's instructions and receiving God's wisdom. Your Father instructs you to love his wisdom. You will be protected by God when you operate in his wisdom.

“Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.” (Proverbs 4:5 – 6)