

## Difference Between Wisdom, Knowledge and Intelligence

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We just sent in an update of the Alpha and Omega Bible in the paperbacks and PDF as well.

We're still working on the book of prophets because we're adding the old Greek Daniel, so prophets were still working on that volume.

But the other four volumes of the Alpha and Omega Bible, we did send in to the printers to be republished and reprinted with lots and lots and lots of updates,

including all the words of God in the Old Testament in bold in the black and white editions or in red in the full color editions,

including the PDF. All the words of God in the Old Testament are now in red.

So that is a great advancement. We praise God for it and we thank Brother Jared for all of his work that he has done.

We will continue to do our best in perfecting the Alpha and Omega Bible in the continual days, weeks, months, and years ahead.

Amen. Praise God.

For the book of Daniel, we're adding the old Greek, which what that means is, the book of Daniel is typically, if you think about most modern Bibles,

Bibles are mostly traditionally based upon Assyrian texts, and that's one of the many reasons why we have the Alpha and Omega Bible,

so that we don't have to rely on the corrupted Babylonian Assyrian texts, but rather upon the more reliable Greek Septuagint.

However, when you look at the Greek Septuagint, there is the book of Daniel, most of the time based upon the Theodotion manuscript of Daniel,

that comes from around 150 AD or so, some words in that timeline, and that was based a lot upon the Masoretic, the Assyrian, even though it was a Greek manuscript.

So then there is the old Greek Daniel that's older than that, that's not based upon the Masoretic Assyrian at all, but based entirely upon the Greek,

and there are tremendous differences between the two manuscripts. And so we're adding the old Greek into the Alpha and Omega Bible,

because we're using the Septuagint that is most commonly used, so we're getting it to go back older and older and older and older.

However, we're going to keep the Theodotion Daniel, as well as adding the old Greek. So what you're going to see in English and the book of Daniel,

for the Alpha and Omega Bible, you're going to see both versions of Daniel, both Greek and translated into English,

but one based more upon the Masoretic and one based more on the oldest Daniel. The reason I'm going to do both is because of the tremendous differences in the text,

and because occasionally what you will see in these ancient manuscripts is that someone revised a biblical manuscript based upon more evidence.

The additional evidence may sometimes be Masoretic and Assyrian text. That doesn't mean necessarily that it is entirely wrong.

Sometimes the Assyrian text is just a translation of the original text, so it is comparable and it is useful.

We're not throwing out all Assyrian text. We do consider the Assyrian text in many cases, and I believe that when it comes to Daniel that that would be a wise decision to consider the Assyrian text,

especially since Daniel was forced by law in the Babylonian empire to stop writing in the Greek true Hebrew and was forced to write the rest of Daniel in the Assyrian language.

So he had to write a majority of Daniel in the Assyrian language by law against his will, and therefore with Daniel it is definitely useful and necessary to consider some of the Assyrian text.

However, we are adding the Old Greek version for a comparison, and you'll be able to see a comparison between the two manuscripts, and we'll go line by line, verse by verse, showing you both versions of Daniel in each line so that you can see both possibilities of what it might be saying.

I believe that is the wisest way of doing that.

Okay, so with all of that said, today we're in Proverbs chapter 1, verse 1.

We're going to read from verse 1 all the way down to verse 7. Proverbs 1, verse 1, that's page 83 in the Alpha & Omega Bible.

It says, the Proverbs of Solomon, son of David, who reigned in Jesus' realm, to know wisdom and instruction, and to perceive words of understanding, to receive also hard sayings, or difficult proverbs, or difficult wise sayings, and to understand true justice, and how to direct judgment, that he might give subtlety to the simple.

That word subtlety, we can cross that out at the end or at the beginning of verse 4.

You can write in the word cleverness or craftiness. We're going to put cleverness/craftiness.

Give everybody time to write that in there, cleverness/craftiness, that he might give the cleverness or the craftiness to the simple,

and to the young man, that he would give discernment and understanding.

And by the hearing of these, a wise man will be wiser, and a man of understanding will gain direction, and will understand a parable, or a proverb, or a riddle, and a figure of speech.

The saying of the wise also in riddles. And the fear of Jesus is the beginning of wisdom, and there is good understanding to all that practice it.

And piety, piety will cross out and put the word devotion, and devotion towards Theos, devotion toward God, is the beginning of discernment.

But the ungodly will reject wisdom and instruction.

Amen. Praise God.

Let's go down to verse 29. For they hated wisdom, and did not choose the word of Jesus. Neither would they attend to my counsels, or my plans, and my way, and my will.

But they derided, or they pushed away, my reproof, my correction, my chastisement. Therefore shall they eat the fruits of their own way and their own will, and shall be filled with their own ungodliness.

For because they roamed the simple, they shall be slain. And an inner Christian shall ruin the ungodly. But he that hearkens to me shall dwell in confidence, and shall rest securely from all evil, or from all problems, or from all bad, or from all chaos, or calamity.

Many different ways that you can translate that.

The book of Proverbs is well known for being a book about wisdom, how to be wise, and how to live life in a wise manner.

In these modern times, everyone thinks that they are wise. The majority of the people, most people, if you ask them, "do you think that you are wise?"

They would say yes. Most people, almost everyone would say, "yes, I'm wise".

But that shows that most people don't know what wisdom is. If you would ask them for a definition of wisdom, most people would not be able to give you a definition of wisdom, or they would give you the wrong definition of wisdom.

They would give you the definition of intelligence, or knowledge. But there is actually a difference between wisdom, intelligence, and knowledge. And that is what we're going to talk about today.

The difference between wisdom, intelligence, and knowledge. They are different. Many times they are mixed together. You can have all three, or you can have just one, or you can have just two, or you can have all three. They are often mixed together, but you can have just one, or two, or three without the others. Absolutely, because they are different. And most people don't understand that.

In earlier generations, in older generations, they understood that wisdom was for select groups of people. People in older generations, previous generations, they understood that not everybody is wise.

The old people are the most likely to be wise because they lived much longer, and hopefully have learned many life lessons, but they are not automatically wise just because that they are old.

Hopefully, the old person is wise because they have learned many multitudes of life lessons, but they may not have. Some people are gifted with wisdom by God. Some people are not. Some people are gifted with wisdom more than other people.

Sometimes wisdom comes from age, from being older, from having a lot of life experiences, and from suffering. Or, it can come as a spiritual gift, or a person may have wisdom because of both their life experiences and as a spiritual gift from God.

In that case, they would have more wisdom. Wisdom is greater than common sense. If a person is wise, they can figure things out for themselves. They don't need to ask other people, especially if they are very wise. Yes, they will listen and learn. They will continue to grow in wisdom. They will continue to grow in knowledge. They will continue to grow in wisdom, but they don't have to ask as many questions because of their wisdom. They have perfected listening and learning, but they have progressed to being able to teach themselves or to learn directly from God without needing humans to teach them as much because they have wisdom as a spiritual gift.

If they have wisdom as a spiritual gift, or even just from age, then they have the ability to figure things out and understand things better than somebody that is not wise and will not have to ask as many questions, especially silly questions. Amen.

Spiritual wisdom about the Bible, God and angels, that is a special heavenly gift and is not common. Not common. Spiritual wisdom about God and the Bible and angels, this is a special heavenly gift and is not common.

A person can be highly intelligent but not wise. There are degrees of wisdom. If no person has ever told you that you are wise, then you are probably not very wise because wisdom shows.

Wisdom shows. People can tell that you are wise and they will make note of it and actually say something to that effect at some point in your life, sooner or later.

It may take a while before you get somebody to make a comment about it, but sooner or later as you get older and wiser, the wisdom will become strong enough for somebody to be so impressed by it that they will actually say that,

I respect your wisdom, or you are wise, or something to that matter. But if you have never heard that from anyone, then you will probably have a lower amount of wisdom or not much wisdom.

Wisdom has to start somewhere just like intelligence and knowledge. It has to start somewhere so it can be a smaller amount of wisdom, but yet still have some wisdom. As you get older and as you grow in the Lord, wisdom grows.

If at any time of your life, at any time of your life, you believed in the flat earth or planet Nebula, planet X that is going to cause great destruction upon the earth, you lacked wisdom at that time and probably still do.

If at any point of time in the past, even if it was many years ago, even if it was before finding a lot of truth, before finding this ministry, before finding salvation, if at any time of your life you did believe in flat earth, then you are greatly lacking wisdom.

Now let's talk about knowledge. That's different from wisdom. A person can have a lot of knowledge, lots and lots and lots of knowledge, and still not be wise. They are two different things.

Knowledge is what you know or what you have heard or read. It does not automatically mean that you are smart or even intelligent. You can have a lot of knowledge and be stupid.

Just to be blunt and honest so that people can understand what I'm saying, a person can have lots of knowledge and not be intelligent or smart.

Knowledge is just the ability to read or hear information. It doesn't mean you understand it.

Whereas intelligence is a measure of how much we understand. Intelligence is not a measure of how much we know.

You can be a little kid that is highly intelligent but not have much knowledge yet. Intelligence is not a measure of how much you know.

A small child may be highly intelligent but not yet have much knowledge. But rather intelligence is how much of a degree that you can understand things.

Knowledgeable people know things. Intelligent people know how to interpret, analyze and apply things.

I will say that again. Knowledgeable people know things. Intelligent people know how to interpret, analyze and apply things.

And intelligence is the ability to acquire and apply the knowledge into reality and to exercise skills.

You can know a lot of things and still not be very intelligent because you've just heard things but did not fully understand them and are not able to teach them to other people.

It takes intelligence to teach people.

You may have a lot of knowledge, lots of knowledge about lots of different things but not have the intelligence that it takes to teach someone else or even to apply it or to really deeply understand it or comprehend it.

Let's talk about wisdom. Wisdom is the ability to naturally understand things.

It's not based on reading or necessarily learning from a book or learning from the internet.

Wisdom is not something you learn from the internet or from reading a book.

You either naturally understand things because you have a spiritual, natural gift of wisdom or else you have learned it from real life experience, not from a book, not from a video, not from a website.

A person can be wise without having much intelligence, believe it or not. A person can be wise without being very intelligent.

You can have a wise old man that can't read, that can't write, that can't spell, that never went to school, never read a book, doesn't know how to use a computer,

doesn't know how to use a smart phone, not very intelligent but yet at the same time be a very wise person, wise as a natural gift from God or much life experience.

Wisdom is the quality of having experience and good judgment. To be wise is to have deep insight and understanding, deep insight.

To be wise is more than to be able to read and see the outside but rather to understand the inside. Amen.

Wisdom is the ability to discern or judge what is right or true about things, what is the truth about things, even without having to research it because it's a spiritual gift.

Somebody asked me something about angels the other day and my answer is not based upon what I have seen on any of the YouTube videos or encyclopedia or the internet or college or school or education or even the Bible itself because there's a lot of things that the Bible does not even tell us about angels and God and truth.

But I was able to answer the question based upon wisdom and intelligence and common sense.

Many times those are blended together but not always.

Knowledge is knowing how to use a gun. That's easy to learn. You just have to have somebody show you how to use a gun.

You don't have to be very intelligent to know how to use a weapon. That's just knowledge. That's all that is. That's not intelligence. That's not wisdom.

But wisdom is knowing when to use the gun, when not to use the gun, even when you are in a dangerous situation.

Many foolish people who know how to use a gun would pull the gun out and use it when it's not really necessary and kill a person too quickly, too hastily, without thinking, without using wisdom and end up in prison or themselves being killed in the situation because they did not have the wisdom to know how to handle the situation without using the gun even though the gun is there as a backup.

What's that phrase in the Spiderman movie? Something like, with great power, with great power comes responsibility, great responsibility.

With great power comes great responsibility.

And it takes wisdom to exercise great responsibility. Sometimes you definitely exercise it better with wisdom.

Many people have the knowledge that Christmas is pagan. I saw this the other night on Facebook. Many, many multitudes of people have the knowledge that Christmas is pagan,

but yet most of those same people don't have the wisdom to understand that it does not honor Jesus. You can't take something that is pagan and Christianize it. You can't. It's impossible.

To all these fake Christians that say, "Oh, I know it's based upon paganism, but I'm using it just to honor Christ. I'm not being a pagan. I'm not doing anything wrong. I'm just worshipping God", that's foolish! That's not wise!

But just because that you understand that Christmas is pagan and have chosen to obey God does not necessarily make you wise.

That's just obedience. That's just obedience. Amen. You can have knowledge about Christmas is pagan, and Easter is pagan, and Sunday worship is pagan,

and the Trinity is pagan, and the pre-trib rapture is alive, and you must be baptized in order to be saved, as the Bible tells us. You can have the knowledge of all these things,

and yet still not be very intelligent or wise either one. That's just knowledge. You read it, you heard it, and you're a knowledge that is true. That's just knowledge.

That does not automatically mean that you're highly intelligent or smart or wise, but of course a wise person would be obedient to God,

but it doesn't automatically make you wise just because you know something and have chosen to obey what you know, to obey God.

It doesn't necessarily mean that you're wise, but a wise person would definitely choose to obey God. Amen.

Intelligence. Intelligence requires a basic level of understanding. That is a requirement. You've got to have at least a basic level of understanding to be intelligent,

but then of course it goes farther than that. You know how to interpret it, how to analyze it, how to apply it.

Whereas wisdom requires, as a minimum basis, a minimum foundation,

wisdom requires an upper level of understanding. Wisdom is greater than intelligence. So you would have knowledge as really a base, and then intelligence and then wisdom.

Wisdom on top of the pyramid, because it's closer to God, it's higher to God, and comes from above. Wisdom is at the top of the pyramid. It requires an upper level of understanding.

If wisdom comes from age and life experience, then it requires the accumulation of knowledge and understanding over a longer period of time than what intelligence does.

You can be intelligent as a young kid, but you can't be wise as a young kid. You can't.

Wisdom requires, if it is from learning experiences, life experiences, then wisdom requires a longer period of time to develop it, or to be gifted divinely with it.

You would not normally see a wise 14 year old. It's possible if he is gifted from God with wisdom, but that is highly unlikely, very rare.

You might have a 14 year old who is highly intelligent, but the same 14 year old would not normally be wise unless he is gifted from God.

Wisdom is something that you would hope to find in the oldest people that you know, the oldest people that you know, not in the young.

Young people are normally not wise, even in their 20s and in their 30s, especially in our society today, in our current generation.

People in their 20s and 30s are not normally wise. That would be a very unusual thing, a very unusual thing to find a 30 year old wise person.

You can find a 30 year old intelligent person, but it would be very hard, very difficult, and almost impossible to find a 30 year old that is wise unless he is gifted from God.

Now, considering everything I said, let's read some more scripture, and let's talk about it a little bit more in Proverbs 1 here before we go forward.

In Proverbs 1 verse 7, the fear of Jesus is the beginning of wisdom. Amen.

So like I said, you can know about baptism and the holy days, the Sabbath, the holidays, you can know about paganism and all of that, but unless you fear Jesus, you can't have wisdom.

Amen.

You can have a lot of knowledge about what the truth is and choose to obey what you know about God and what the Bible says, and still not have even the basis of wisdom unless you fear God.

To fear God is the beginning of wisdom, and I have known a lot of people over the years that came into this ministry and got baptized, but they did not fear God as evidenced by their blasphemy, by their rebellion, and by their stubbornness, and by their wicked attacks against me, their wicked words against me.

Have they not read in the holy scriptures how that Moses was spoken of against by his own brother and his own sister,

and how that his sister was punished for speaking against him, and how other people had been punished for speaking against him.

To have a reverent respect and honor for your spiritual elders, for the pastors, evangelists, pastors, prophets, and teachers of the church, of the true church, to have reverent respect and honor to them is to have reverence and honor and respect and fear to God, because it is God that called them, and it is God that moves through them, even as it was God that moved through Moses.

Everybody would say, well I fear God, but when they speak evil of God's servants, they prove themselves to be liars and hypocrites.

And it says that devotion for God is the beginning of discernment, but the ungodly will reject wisdom and instruction,

just as many people reject that you cannot take a pagan holiday and use it, something that is dirty and defiled and nasty and blasphemous, and use it to honor God.

Those people lack wisdom, and they refuse to obey God, and they do not love God.

Even though they may give you money and gifts and smile and be friendly, friendly, friendly, friendly, friendly, and be very helpful, but they don't love God if they have chosen to not obey Him.

They definitely cannot have God inside them if they're not wise, if they are not intelligent, I mean not intelligent, but if they are not, if they lack entire, all wisdom.

Because if you have God inside you, if you are truly, truly, truly saved, if you have the Holy Ghost, He is wisdom, and you would have a measure of wisdom.

It might be a very small measure. It might be a very small measure of wisdom.

If you're a babe in Christ, if you're still young in age, if you're still young in life experiences, if you don't have much life experiences behind you, so forth, then that wisdom will be lacking, but present.

Lacking, but present. Amen.

It says in verse 30,

It is not wise to reject criticism. When the criticism is from God's servants, the pastors, evangelists, apostles, and prophets that were sent by God, if they chastise you, if they correct you, if they say that you're lacking wisdom and you push that aside and reject it, then that's not very wise in itself.

It's not wise to push away God and His correction. Amen.

People are too full of their own will, their own desire to have their own ministry, to be an elder, to be on the council of elders, even when they were not invited.

You can't request or volunteer to be on the council of elders. You can't. People are appointed by God to be on the council of elders.

You say, oh, I volunteer, I like to be on the council, shows a lack of wisdom, and it shows pride. It reveals pride in such a person.

Who made you an elder in the first place? Who told you that you was an elder? Amen.

The council of elders are for the elders. That's what it's called. And the elders are appointed. Amen.

It's not a (error in transcript). It's not a club. The council of elders is not a club that you just go and join.

It is a divinely appointed council.

Ideally, the council of elders should be the people that have been in the ministry the longest, and not the people that have just recently joined in the past year or two.

Depending on the situation, the number of people needed and the number of people available.

But ideally, you would want the people that have been in the ministry the longest, that have proved themselves through trial and tribulation, and through testing, and through correction and chastisement.

That have endured the chastisements and corrections coming from the offices and administration of the church, and prove themselves faithful to stay in the ministry.

Let's go to Proverbs 6: 6.

Go to the ant, O slugger, and see and emulate his ways. Emulate, we're going to cross that out, and we're going to put a whole phrase there, an entire phrase.

Be competitively zealous of, be competitively zealous of, zealous, z-e-a-l-o-u-s, be competitively zealous of his ways.

So it's related to the word jealousy, but it's not in a negative context.

It is like, if you are a man, and you see another man with great muscles or great strength, and you say, "hey, I want to work out too, I want to work out, I want to build up my muscles and gain my strength."

It is not jealousy, but rather it's competitive zeal or passion to do the best that you can, to do the best that you can, to improve yourself, or to run as fast as another man, or to do something like that, to be competitively zealous of his ways.

So you would look at the ant and consider how he prepares his food for the winter, while it is still summertime, and be like, "oh, I can do that just as well as you."

And this is what God wants us to do, and become wiser than he, to prepare in a wise way, not in a careless way, but in a way that is planned and correct.

Studying out what you need to do, not buying just anything and everything, not buying with compulsion, but looking at the reviews, studying what you need, researching, and buying at the right price, from the right place, at the right time.

This would be the wise way to do it, compared to a foolish way of preparing.

Verse 7, "for whereas he has no husbandry", that particular word husbandry, we're crossing out, and we're going to put "cultivated or farmed land".

Cultivated or farmed land.

The ant was not automatically born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

He doesn't inherit his parents' house.

But rather, he and his tribe has to dig out his own castle.

He has to build his own house with his own hands.

He does not inherit, he has not given, a cultivated or farmed land, but rather he has to get out there and do it himself, and farm it himself, and dig the hole himself, him and his entire tribe.

It is not very wise to think that you're going to be able to survive in the Great Tribulation all by yourself.

That's foolish thinking.

There's a lot of those people that think that they can survive all by themselves for three and a half years with only their supplies and nobody else's supplies, only their skill and their knowledge, and nobody else's skill and nobody else's knowledge, and only their flesh and not the physical help of other people.

That's foolish, and that's not very wise.

Wisdom will tell you that you absolutely need and require to be in a group of people, of course, a group of people that you can get along with and are like-minded, that believes the same thing, that looks at life and look at everything the same way, a group of people that is most like yourself. Amen.

“Whereas he has no cultivated or farmed land, nor anyone to compel him, and is under no master, he prepares food for himself in the summer and lays by abundant store in harvest.

Or go to the bee and learn how diligent she is, and how earnestly she is engaged in her work, whose labors kings and private men use for help, and she is desired and respected by all. Though weak in body, she is advanced by honoring wisdom.

How long will you lie down, O sluggard, and when will you awake out of sleep?”

Amen.

It is not very wise for a young person to be without a job.

A young person that is able to work should have a job, if at all possible, (added later: a pastor's job is to be the pastor) but many times, many people could have a job and they refuse jobs, either because they are lazy or too prideful.

They think they are too good to scrub a toilet. They think they are too good to mop a floor, to wash dishes, to clean a house, to rake a yard, to mow a yard, to dig a ditch, to chop wood, to work in a fast food restaurant, and so forth.

Many people don't have a job because of their stubbornness and their pride, or their lack of faith in God.

People use excuses, excuse, excuse, excuse, excuse, such as “the restaurants won't hire because I can't work on the Saturday, I can't work on Saturday, the seventh day, therefore, there is no need to even apply for the job because they won't hire me.”

When the reality is, I worked for years and years in the restaurants and grocery stores where Saturday is the busiest day of the week, and they still hired me.

If you say they won't hire you and you don't even apply for the job, then how do you know? You're only guessing.

If you apply for the job in faith, in obedience to God, and in wisdom, then you may win the job. You can't win if you don't play. Amen.

A lot of people don't prepare for the Great Tribulation because of lack of faith as well. They're like, “well, I don't have much money, I can't prepare a lot of supplies, and therefore, I'm not going to be able to prepare, I just can't afford it, I just can't afford it.”

That's lack of faith. Because if you try and do the best you can in faith, believing that God will help you, then He will help you to have some supplies and be able to get some supplies, and then will bless it, He will, and He will multiply it.

But if you're not willing to even try, there's a lack of wisdom, and laziness, and a lack of faith.



Let's go to Matthew chapter 25.

(Why is that light on, but that heater turned off there? Maybe just that one power strip flipped.

You want to go and test that power strip?

This other heater went off too. Okay. So right now, so what I mean is go down to the utility room, open it up, and check the switches.

It had to be just one switch that went off.)

Okay, so right now, last time I looked it was like, I saw it being one degree above zero earlier this morning, one degree Fahrenheit, one degree above, you might as well just say zero degrees Fahrenheit this morning.

And it may have went up to five degrees, I'm not for sure, last time I looked.

And so we are having electrical "rolling blackouts".

That means that the government has ordered the electrical companies in seven states, at least seven states, to turn off the electric for everybody every 2 hours for 20 minutes at a time, one neighborhood at a time.

So they're taking turns throughout this entire county every 2 hours for the electric to go off for 20 minutes.

So that the entire electrical system does not crash because so many people are turning their heat up as far as they go and use every heater that they can find and every heater that you can buy.

And trying to heat their homes in this extremely dangerous cold temperatures.

And not only is it that cold, but it's maintaining the cold freezing for several days and several nights in a row, and so this is a very dangerous situation.

And if they do not have the rolling blackouts, then the entire electrical system could crash for everybody all at the same time and take many hours to repair.

So they have to do the rolling blackouts to reduce the electrical load on the generators coming from wherever they come from.

So, what I'm seeing on Facebook is a lack of wisdom.

What I'm seeing on Facebook is a lot of people during this time of the electrical rolling blackouts with the powers out for only twenty minutes every two hours.

They're like, "oh my god, I'm going to die, I'm going to die, I'm going to die, my mom's going to die, my uncle's going to die, my children's going to die."

Because certain ones of them have an oxygen tank or they're on some kind of a breathing machine.

But let me tell you this.

If I had somebody in my home that depended on a breathing machine that runs on electricity, I would have some type of electrical back-up power supply!

And these things do not use 1500 watts or anything like that.

These things use like only a hundred watts power. So all you have to do is go on Amazon or go to Walmart and buy for only \$65 a back-up power supply that plugs up into the wall and it keeps it recharged constantly.

And when the power goes out, then that back-up power supply automatically comes on. Enough power to run for several hours.

If you're running just something that runs on sixty-five watts or a hundred watts.

So it would be wise for such a person to have a back-up power supply if they had such a medical necessity.

These people don't. Because they're stupid.

Now in Africa you might not be able to buy something like that.

You may not have the money. You may not even sell it in the stores. Whatever.

But in the United States there's no excuse except for stupidity and a lack of wisdom.

And another thing is that I remember times in the middle of the summertime in warm weather when the electric would go out for several hours.

Even all night long because of a wind-storm. A tornado or just a severe thunderstorm.

The power would go out for two hours, six hours, eight hours, twelve hours.

And they didn't die. And yet they're freaking out about the power going out for twenty minutes.

And yet if you were to ask the same people that are freaking out, are you wise?

"Yeah, I'm wise. I'm smart, I'm intelligent, and I'm very, very wise."

And yet they're freaking out over losing electric for twenty minutes and don't even have a sixty-five dollar generator in their home when they just bought a TV for three hundred dollars for Christmas.

Not only are they not wise, they're stupid.

People don't like it when I use the word stupid. They think it's cruel, unloving, and ungodly.

Yet the Greek word for foolishness is basically stupidity.

It's basically the same word. It's basically the same meaning.

God called people swine and dogs and hypocrites and snakes.

Honesty is love.

If I love you and I notice that you lack wisdom, then love would be to let you know that you... so that you can do something about it.

So that you can start growing in wisdom. Amen.

Matthew 25 verse 1. Page 36 here.

"Then the kingdom of heaven would be comparable to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise." Only half the church was wise.

"But when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them."

And notice it doesn't say "five were wise and five were not wise".

But rather five were wise and five were foolish.

So consider that an insult, because it could have said five were wise and five were not wise.

Very interesting that it doesn't say it that way, but rather it says that the five were foolish.

That's more of an intense language than just saying not wise. Amen.

This is Jesus talking, and yet this is Jesus talking in a more harsh language than what He could have chosen.

He could have chosen to use less harsh words, but He did not choose to do it that way.

Verse 3. "And when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them."

Why would you take a lamp but no extra oil? Amen.

I'd say that's pretty foolish. I'd say that's pretty stupid, in fact.

Take a lamp but not enough oil?

Verse 4. "But the wise took oil in flask containers along with their lamps.

Now while the bridegroom", Jesus, "was delaying", and that shows you that Christ is delaying, "they got drowsy and began to sleep", as many people are.

"But at midnight there was a shout.

Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet Him!

Then all the virgins rose and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish said to the wise,

Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.

But the wise answered, No, there would not be enough for us and you.

Go instead to the dealers, to the store, and buy for yourselves.

And while they were going out to make the passage, the bridegroom came,

and those who were ready went in with Him to the wedding, and the door was shut.

Later the other virgins, the foolish ones, came, saying, Lord, Lord, open up for us.

But He answered, This is the truth, I tell you the truth, I do not know you."

Ain't that what He also said to the people (in Matthew 7)?

They said, Hey, Lord, Lord, I've cast out devils, I've healed the sick,

I've done many mighty miracles in Your name.

And Christ said, I do not know you.

Amen?

In both cases, chapter 7 and chapter 25, both cases, it's talking about Christians.

Amen?

It's not talking about people that don't claim to be saved.

It's not talking about atheists. It's not talking about unbelievers.

It's talking about people that think they are saved, and call themselves Christians.

It's talking about people who think they are saved, and they think they're wise.

They think they're smart, intelligent, and wise, and saved.

But they are definitely not all those things, and they are definitely not saved.

Amen.

There's a lot of different lessons we can learn from those verses we just read.

Lots of different lessons.

And one of the lessons is to prepare for the Great Tribulation, even as the ant prepares her food for the wintertime, while it is still warm.

While it is still warm, that if you have somebody in the house that relies on an oxygen machine, or a breathing machine, to get a back-up power supply, instead of buying a television for \$300.

Especially when you already have a television.

Amen.

Come on now! Amen.

And another thing we can learn from this is that the oil represents the Holy Ghost.

And that we need the Holy Ghost in order to enter the first resurrection.

Amen.

Without the Holy Ghost, you cannot enter the first resurrection.

You would have to automatically go to the second resurrection to live the 100 years, (added later: Isa. 65:20 [www.isawthelightministries.com/hell.html](http://www.isawthelightministries.com/hell.html))

to be tested and tried during that 100 years, to see whether you passed the test or not at the Great White Throne Judgment.

However, it also teaches us that you must be wise to enter the first resurrection.

Doesn't it?

Only the wise virgins enter the first resurrection.

Amen.

Amen.

Only the wise virgins enter the first resurrection.

So we need wisdom.

Amen.

And like I said, if you have the Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost is wisdom.

Jesus is wisdom.

Amen.

According to the book of Proverbs, and according to the book of Wisdom of Solomon, according to Philo, who wrote the book of the Wisdom of Solomon, and who wrote the book of Hebrews, according to him, Jesus is wisdom.

So if you have Jesus, if you are truly saved, you have the Holy Ghost, then you have a measure of wisdom.

However, you need more than just have a measure of wisdom.  
You need more than just have a small measure of wisdom,  
because if you have only a small measure of wisdom, you're not wise.  
Does that make sense?  
You can have a small measure of wisdom and not be wise,  
because the word wise means that you are wise.  
It means you have a larger measure of wisdom  
compared to the smallest measure of wisdom.  
If you have the smallest measure of wisdom that there is, you're not wise.  
So you can have money and not be rich.  
Right?  
Amen.  
You can have money and not be rich.  
You can have wisdom and not be wise.  
You can have a bag of seeds and not have a farm.  
Amen.

So to be wise, as the wise virgins that enter the first resurrection,  
you have to have more than a seed of wisdom.  
When we first get saved, typically, generally speaking,  
when we first get truly saved, we receive only a seed,  
only a small measure of wisdom, only a small measure of the Holy Ghost.  
And then, as we continue to grow older, both physically and spiritually,  
as well as also mentally and emotionally,  
as we begin and as we continue to grow in all these different aspects,  
then you grow in the measure of the Holy Ghost  
and you grow in the measure of wisdom.  
And only those that have a good measure of Christ  
and only those that have a good measure of wisdom  
and are actually become wise and actually wisdom and wise to the point of stopping sin.  
Only then and only those people will enter the first resurrection.  
Most people believe that as long as you are saved,  
you will enter the first resurrection, and that's not true.  
You can be a babe in Christ, be truly saved,  
but be only a babe in Christ, not yet have much wisdom,  
and not yet be perfected concerning temptation and maturity.  
And therefore will not enter the first resurrection,  
because when you enter the first resurrection you're turned into spirit  
and live forever and will never be able to die again.  
God will not allow paradise to be corrupted.  
God will not allow eternity to be corrupted.  
If He allowed immature, unwise people into the first resurrection,  
even if they are saved, but they're unwise or immature  
or not very well tested yet,  
and He allowed them into the first resurrection and turned them into spirit,  
then He would allow corruption into eternity and paradise,  
and that would be a very, very bad thing.  
God is more wise than that.  
He is wisdom, therefore He would not allow that.

Because God is wisdom, He would not ever allow an immature,  
but yet truly saved person to enter the first resurrection.  
He won't allow it because He is wise.  
Amen. Praise God.

So we have to strive for perfection when it comes to resisting temptation  
and becoming without sin, and stop using excuses,  
"I'm human, I'm human, I'm human, I'm human, everybody sins,  
I'm not perfect, nobody's perfect." All of those are foolish excuses.  
Wisdom says this.

Wisdom says it is unwise to sin.

Amen. Praise God.

Wisdom says it is unwise to sin.

Wisdom says you have the power to say no to sin.

Look to Christ, He will give you the power.

We have to look to Christ more than what we do,  
because He is wisdom.

We need to ask Him for more wisdom.

We need to ask Him for more measure,  
more measurement, a greater measurement of Himself,  
a larger measurement of Himself.

We need to ask, "ask and you shall receive,  
seek and you shall find."

We should seek wisdom, as the Bible tells us, to seek out wisdom,  
as well as to ask for more of the measure of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

James 1, verse 5, page 243.

Verse 5 says,

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of Theos,  
who gives to all generously and without reprimand,  
and it will be given to him."

So if we are lacking wisdom, we can ask for more wisdom.

But you know what that requires?

Not only asking, but that would require, of course, if you think about it,  
that would require you confessing to yourself and to God  
that you need more wisdom, that you're lacking wisdom,  
that you don't have enough wisdom.

Because if you don't confess that, why would you ask for more wisdom?

Amen?

You first need to realize, comprehend,  
and realize and comprehend and confess to yourself  
that you don't yet have enough wisdom, that you are lacking wisdom.

That's very difficult for most people, because most people want to think,  
out of pride and out of self-defense, most people want to think that they are smart  
and intelligent and wise. And remember that intelligence  
is different from being wise, but most people think that they are both,  
both wise and intelligent, or don't even know the difference.

Most people would have a very difficult time confessing any one of these, confessing that they're not very smart, confessing that they're not very intelligent, and confessing that they're not very wise.

Even though these are different things,

all of these confessions are very, very, very difficult for most people.

Yet, it's completely acceptable to not be very smart and very intelligent.

Not everybody can be very intelligent.

It's not meant for everybody to be very intelligent.

Not everybody can be a lawyer, or a doctor, or a scientist, or a teacher.

Not every Christian, not every truly called person, is called to be a teacher.

But to be a teacher requires a certain measure of intelligence and wisdom.

Especially a spiritual teacher requires a certain measure of divinely and gifted wisdom.

Not only maturity, not only life experience, that type of wisdom,

but the heavenly gift of wisdom is required for a spiritual teacher.

And most people don't have that.

Most people don't have that.

If you look at the majority of false teachers in this world, they lack wisdom.

They may have a lot of knowledge, and they may be very intelligent, but they lack wisdom.

To believe in a pre-tribulation rapture, that's not very wise.

That's very foolish.

I am very confident that there are a lot of doctors and lawyers and scientists who are very intelligent who do not believe in God and do not believe in God,

but that's not very wise.

They're very intelligent, but they're not very wise.

And then there are a lot of doctors and lawyers that are very intelligent

and scientists that are Christians, that are believers that Christ exists,

but they have no measure of the Holy Ghost and are not truly saved,

and they believe in a pre-trib rapture, and therefore they are not wise.

Anyone that believes in a pre-trib rapture, they're not wise.

They are not wise.

Anybody and everybody that believes in a pre-trib rapture, they are not wise,

because wisdom would teach you that it's foolish to believe in a pre-trib rapture.

It's also foolish to believe in a trinity.

It's also foolish to believe that Sunday is the Sabbath

or that there is no Sabbath at all, and that no Sabbath is required.

That's not wise thinking, because the Bible teaches you wisdom.

Amen.

Of course, you can have knowledge of those things without wisdom,

but if you learn the truth and gain that knowledge,

you will grow in wisdom after salvation.

It's very refreshing when I meet people who confess that they're not very smart.

I have met quite a few people in my life that confessed to me,

even without knowing that I'm a pastor or anything like that.

They just meet me in the store. They don't know what I do for a living.

They don't really know me. They don't know about the ministry.

Or we just become first casual friends, acquaintances without really knowing me yet, and confess, "you know what"? They say, "I'm not very smart", is what they say about themselves.

I've met quite a few people in my life that confessed to not being very smart.

That shows humility, and that's a great quality to have!

It's not necessary for everybody to be very smart or very intelligent.

It's not necessary. Not everybody's meant to be.

It's okay to not be very intelligent.

It's okay to not be very smart.

It's okay.

Not everybody is meant to be.

But too many people are too prideful to admit it.

And too many people are very prideful to admit that they lack wisdom.

It is the carnal nature, the sinful nature of mankind, which we are born with absolutely.

It is the sinful nature of mankind that is prideful and stubborn

and will not admit that they are lacking in either intelligence or wisdom or both.

It takes a lot of humility to crucify yourself.

Yet Jesus said that we must deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Him.

If we're not willing to deny ourselves and to take up our cross,

if we're not willing to crucify ourselves,

if we're not willing to humble ourselves, then we are not worthy of Him.

A true Christian is humble enough to admit their weaknesses in what areas that they are lacking.

And a true Christian should be able to truly and sincerely examine himself or herself deeply and to be honest with themselves and with God.

Stop deceiving yourself if you are lacking in any of these different things.

Confess it to yourself and embrace the natural weaknesses while seeking to grow in wisdom.

Amen.

As we get older, hopefully we will get wiser.

As we continue to grow in the truth, hopefully we'll get wiser.

Amen.

A person that is recently born again, as a babe in Christ, that's only been saved a few months or only one year or only two years, such a person of that spiritual age, especially combined with physical youth, if they are both young in physical age and young in spiritual age, then I can guarantee you they would have a low level of wisdom.

They would be lacking "great wisdom" because of both the spiritual young age and the physical young age. And that's okay.

That's okay.

You're not required to have lots and lots of wisdom when you're very young.

Physically or spiritually, and especially when both are combined spiritual and physical youth, you're not required to be immediately extremely wise.

Wisdom comes with age, both spiritually and physically,

unless a person is specially endowed, specially gifted with a larger measure

of wisdom which is extremely rare for that to occur.

That is a special gift.

Amen.

It's okay to be young.

Amen.

And it's okay to be young and dumb.

It's alright to be young and not highly intelligent.

It's okay.

It doesn't mean that you have to hate yourself.

It doesn't mean that I'm insulting you or that I'm being cruel or unloving or ungodly.

But each and every one of us must be willing to examine ourselves

and be honest with ourselves and realize our weaknesses and our faults

so that we can and will grow.

You will not grow if you don't confess it.

Amen.

God is so good.

And finally, let's turn to 1 Corinthians 1.

And you know what?

I think all of us at some point of our lives, will ask a stupid question.

Amen.

You know?

It's not wrong to ask questions. It's not.

But at some point of our lives, especially while we're young,  
while we're younger, while we're babies, while we're children,  
we're going to ask a stupid question.

All of us.

That's human nature that we'll have just one of those silly moments  
where your brain is not working right.

Amen?

That happens to all of us.

At some point of time, we're all going to ask a stupid question.

That's okay.

But again, we have to realize at some point of time,  
we must realize it and say to ourselves,

“Boy, that was a stupid question. Why did I say that? Why did I ask that? That was a stupid question.”

And I've had people tell me that.

Right?

And you had people say that to you?

“Hey, that was a stupid question. Why did I ask that?”

I've had people, a lot of different people over my lifetime, that said that to me.

They realized it and said it. “That was a stupid question. Why did I say that?”

Amen?

We need to be able to humble ourselves and confess it when we do it.

Amen?

That's the opposite of pride.

Too many people have a problem with pride,  
and pride is a huge, huge, huge problem.



And people can't even fix it because you have to first humble yourself to know that you even have a problem with pride.

That's a difficult thing. It's a catch-22.

Amen.

But it's not impossible, especially with Christ.

It's not impossible for a proud person to come to the self-realization that they have a problem with pride.

It's not impossible. But you have to be honest with yourself.

You have to be willing to dig deep and say, "you know what? That was a stupid question."

And if you don't realize it was a stupid question, then there's deeper problems.

Amen.

And you should be willing to confess that too.

1 Corinthians 1, verse 30.

"But by doing this",

it says in verse...

Let's go back ...

Oh yeah, let's go back.

Let's go back a few verses.

Yeah.

"This is good stuff", as brother Jonathan says.

He likes to use that phrase, "good stuff".

He is so right.

Amen.

You know what?

There's a false wisdom too, the wisdom of this world.

And that's what he's talking about here, verse 17.

Let's start verse 17.

This is Paul writing a letter to the church at the town of Corinth, to the Corinthian citizens, to the church there.

Verse 17,

"For Christ did not send me to baptize,  
but to preach the gospel, not in wisdom of words,  
so that the cross of Christ would be made void, or to no effect."

What he's saying here, he absolutely did baptize people.

We know that Paul baptized people.

Amen.

But what he's saying is that there are different offices of administration in the church, and you would have your apostles, which he was, your prophets, your evangelists, your pastors, and your deacons.

And that it's the office of a deacon and local pastor to go and baptize people.

The apostle is busy with other administrative duties,

so even though he had baptized people, and even though baptism is required,

the apostle Paul delegated the authority to baptize to some of the lower ministers, servants in the church, the deacons and the local pastors, to go baptize people.

And he said that Christ did not send him to baptize,

but rather other people, but he is to preach the gospel.

That is what he needed to focus on, was preaching the gospel, "not in wisdom of words".

What he's talking about there is,  
he's not saying that he should not exercise wisdom.  
That's not what he means.  
But rather he is saying that he's not coming in a way to talk very intelligent with long words, big words,  
complicated words like Old English words in our society,  
you know,  
The Alpha and Omega Bible initially had all these very complicated words.  
We're continuing the process of getting rid of those complicated words  
and making it much more simple, easier to understand.  
That is what Paul is saying,  
is that we don't have to use big words and complicated words in scientific language  
in order to teach the gospel.  
That's what he's saying.  
He wants to make the gospel simple and easy to understand.  
That's what we're trying to do in the Alpha and Omega Bible.  
That's what the NIV does.  
That's what the New American Standard does.  
You don't have to read the complicated Old English, King James Version,  
in order to teach the gospel.  
Amen.  
"Thee and thou", they are not holy words.  
You don't have to talk in a complicated scientific language in order to preach the gospel.  
That's what he's saying.  
Amen.  
But, of course, a teacher would exercise wisdom of words.  
He's talking about worldly wisdom, false wisdom.

And then verse 18,  
For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.  
In other words, the atheists would say  
that we're stupid, that we're not intelligent, and that we're not wise.  
That is what your intelligent atheist would claim,  
is that we're not wise and we're not intelligent  
because we believe in God.  
So, the atheist thinks that the preaching of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ is foolishness.  
Verse 19,  
For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
talking about false wisdom of the world.  
And I will destroy the cleverness of the clever I will set aside.  
That's talking about false cleverness, false wisdom, false intelligence, false knowledge, that type of stuff.  
God is going to destroy or set aside.  
Verse 20,  
Where is the wise man?  
Where is the scribe?  
Where is the debater of this age?  
Has not Theos made foolish  
the wisdom of the world?

For since in the wisdom of Theos, the world through its wisdom did not come to know Theos, Theos was well pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. We may have to reword that a little bit.  
For indeed Judeans ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom.  
But we preach Christ crucified,  
to Judeans a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.  
But to those who are the called, both Judeans and Greeks,  
Christ is the power of Theos and the wisdom of Theos.  
Christ is wisdom.  
Christ is the power of God  
and He is the wisdom of God.  
Christ is wisdom.  
The Holy Ghost is wisdom.

Verse 25,  
because the foolishness of Theos is wiser than men  
and the weakness of Theos is stronger than men.  
A person that is not wise would read that same verse  
and think that verse teaches that God can be foolish  
because it says the foolishness of Theos.  
But yet we know if we have any wisdom at all,  
if we have any measure of wisdom,  
then we know that God is not foolish in any measure at all.  
None.  
But a foolish person would think that teaches that God has some measure of foolishness.  
But what it is really saying and what it is trying to say  
is that any measure of weakness of God is stronger than the strength of men.  
Amen?  
The weakest point of God in His existence,  
if there's any such weak point at all,  
is stronger than the greatest and mightiest strength of mankind.  
Amen.

Verse 26,  
For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise  
according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble,  
but Theos has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise,  
and Theos has chosen the weak things of the world  
to shame the things which are strong.  
In other words, God calls the black sheep of the family,  
the cast-out, the underdog, the weak and the people of lower intelligence,  
the people that did not go to college,  
the people that did not finish high school,  
the people that would never be able to write a book,  
God has called these people to salvation.

And yet every person, when they're saved, they say,  
"I'm going to write a book."  
(Another person:) "I'm going to write a book."  
(Another person:) "I'm going to write a book."

How many different people have I seen and heard say that?

But not everybody, just because you're saved,  
not everybody is meant to write a book.

Amen.

And even if you could write one, it does not automatically mean that you are called to write one.

And I'm not speaking to any one individual person.

I'm just saying I've seen this multiple times.

But God has called the people in this life to be saved,  
the people that the rest of the world looks at me and says,  
He's not very rich.

He's not very powerful.

He's not very famous.

He doesn't have a lot of followers.

He's not as educated as some of the other biblical scholars.

He's not as educated in language.

He can't even speak English good.

So on, so on, so on.

I would be the foolish of the world in those eyes.

Right?

Amen.

Verse 28, the base things,

or the humble things,

or the lowest things of the world,

and the despised,

those are the ones that God has chosen,

the things that are not,

so that He may nullify the things that are,

so that no man may boast before Theos.

But by doing this, you are in Christ Jesus,

who became to us wisdom from God

and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

So that, just as it is written, let him who boasts boast in the Lord.

Amen.

Chapter 2, verse 1,

"And when I came to you, brethren,

I did not come with the superiority of speech or of wisdom of the world,  
proclaiming to you the testimony of Theos."

Amen.

Verse 3 says,

He came in weakness, tremulous. Amen.

We know that Moses did not speak very elegantly. Amen.

Either he stuttered or he had difficulty in his speech ability of some sort.

God has called the weak of the world.

God did not call the rich and famous in this world.

Amen.

God could have called a man instead of me with higher education, better speech, more power, more money,  
more authority in this world

to where I would be more well respected,  
get The Alpha and Omega Bible out there to more people,  
the ministry out there to more people,  
get the bible out there to more people,  
but then that would have allowed corruption, bribery, pride,  
and many other defilements would have occurred  
if God had done it that way.  
It is better for God to choose the weak, the underdog, the undercast,  
so that God may be glorified  
and people would recognize  
that's not that man talking. That's God.  
That's not that man's wisdom. That's God.  
That is not that man's intelligence, but that's God.  
That's not normal English, but that's speaking in tongues.  
That is interpretation of agent languages. That is wisdom.

I don't have to read as much as somebody else to come to the same conclusion.  
I don't have to watch a two-hour video on YouTube to know the answer.  
Somebody sends me a YouTube video,  
“Look at this. Tell me what you think.”  
I look at one minute. I turn it off.  
I send the email, and I say it's junk. It's a lie.  
I don't have to watch it for two hours to know it's a lie  
when I can read the title and know it's a lie.  
I can read the description and know it's a lie.  
I can read the comments and know it's a lie.  
I can listen to the first 30 seconds and know it's a lie  
not because of my intelligence,  
but because of wisdom and because of the truth that lives in me.  
Amen.  
God is good.  
Amen.

Was you ready for this today? Huh? Was you ready for this today?  
He excites me every week.  
Don't he, you?  
God is good. God is so good.  
Amen. Praise God.  
I was never in a debate class in high school. Amen.  
But if I could get back in a time machine and go back to high school, sign me up!  
Praise God. God is good. But it's not me. It's Him. Amen.  
It is He that's in me, that's greater than us.  
We have to be able to admit when we are not very smart,  
when we can't talk very good, when we are not highly intelligent,  
when we are not very smart, and when we are lacking logic,  
and when we are lacking intelligence, and when we are lacking wisdom.  
We need to be able to crucify ourselves, humble ourselves, because this is who He called.  
He did not call the most intelligent. He did not call the most educated.  
He did not call the most powerful in this world.

He called those of lower intelligence. He called those of the lower statuses.  
Be proud of it. Admit it and confess it, and say it's not me, but Him that know of anything.  
Amen.

While Brother Jared is preparing some scriptures for us,  
the chat room is open right now.

The chat room is open for any questions.

Go ahead and start typing as fast as those fingers can type, my brothers and sisters.

Any questions about anything I've said today?

Brother Jared, throw it at me, brother.

What have you got for us today?

(Jared:) "I saw something interesting yesterday. Let's look at 1 Kings 3 here."

1 Kings 3 in the history book.

Page 106. 1 Kings 3.

I tell you, I just can't even get along with a lot of the rich people and the higher educated.

The more college that somebody has gone through, the less I can get along with them.

Amen?

I would much rather associate myself with somebody that is uneducated,

because I tell you, usually those are the people that have more wisdom.

That is the God honest truth!

The less education and the less college and even the less high school they have,

usually those are the wisest people that you'll meet.

That's the truth.

Amen.

Think about that!

Because these schools, these education systems,

they corrupt the brain and defile the brain and lower your intelligence when it comes to God and wisdom.

Amen.

1 Kings 3. Verse 5.

"And Jesus appeared to Solomon in a dream by night.

And Jesus said to Solomon, "Ask some petition for yourself."

And Solomon said, "You have dealt very merciful

with your servant David, my father, according as he walked before you

in truth and in righteousness and in uprightness of heart with you,

and you have kept for him this great mercy to set his son upon his throne

as it is this day.

And now, Jesus, my Theos,

you have appointed your servant in the room or the office of David, my father,

and I am a little child, and know not my going out and my coming in."

He humbled himself to say (basically),

"I don't know very much.

I'm young. I'm still a kid.

I don't even know my going in and coming out.

I don't know much", Solomon said.

"But your servant is in the midst  
of your people whom you have chosen,  
a great people which cannot be numbered.  
You shall give, therefore, to your servant at heart to hear  
and to judge your people justly and to discern between good and evil.  
For who will be able to judge this, your great people?"

And it was pleasing before Jesus that Solomon asked this thing.  
Amen.

And Jesus said to him,  
"Because you have asked this thing in Me  
and have not asked for yourself long life and have not asked for wealth,  
nor have asked for the lives of the enemies,"

(Praise the Lord, and have not asked that your enemies may live or you have not asked that the enemy be  
handed over to you, whichever that means.)

"But have asked for yourself understanding to hear judgment that you may judge rightfully."

That is a good request, and God was pleased with that request,  
and that is why God granted Solomon wisdom.

Ask and you shall receive, if it's for the right purpose.

Solomon wanted it so that he could judge rightfully  
because he was in an office of authority.

He needed to be able to discern right and wrong, good and evil,  
but he confessed, I don't know very much.

Amen.

So if you want wisdom, you have to first confess your weakness  
in order to obtain the greater and do it for the right reason.

Because if you do it just for an office of administration or authority  
or power or pride, then God will not grant it to you  
because there's too many people trying to seize onto the office of pastor  
or office of preacher who had not called for it.

And that's almost everybody you're ever going to meet who's in the ministry.

Any ministry, anywhere, in any town, in any state, in any nation,  
almost every person you ever meet or hear about  
that's in the ministry, they actually were not called for it.

It's their own will and their own pride.

The calling into the ministry in this day and time is rare  
because they don't even know the truth.

And even if they know the truth, that's not automatic that they're called into the ministry.

Well, I definitely thought about this.

How can you even think about wisdom and ask Him for wisdom and not think about this?

I mean, I thought about this.

I'm glad that Brother Jared gave us the Scripture for it.

But I didn't realize that he humbled himself and said, I don't know anything.

That I'm young and stupid and dumb. I don't even know if I'm going in or going out.

That's a way of saying, even though he didn't say the words

I'm dumb, I'm stupid, that when he said  
that I don't know if I'm going in or not coming out,  
that was an expression that means I'm dumb.

Amen?

That's what that means.

If you say, I don't even know when I'm going in the house, when I'm going out of the house,  
you're saying in different words, I'm stupid.

So you've got to be able to humble yourself and crucify yourself before you can obtain from God.

Amen.

Anything else, brother?

"I also think of how Moses' father-in-law saw him judging all the matters himself,  
and he gave him the wise instruction to delegate these judgments."

Exactly.

Amen.

Anything else?

"I saw something interesting in Old Greek, Daniel."

Okay.

Book of Daniel, Old Greek, that we're adding into the Alpha and Omega Bible

And he's looking at it right now for us,

and I'm looking at the chat room to see if anybody,

and I've got to check the app as well,

because sometimes the messages appear in only one place or the other,

either in the app or in the website, which I'm looking to different locations,

and I don't see any messages in the chat room.

And sometimes I don't see the messages until after the sermon is done

and I've turned everything off, and all of a sudden the messages pop up.

I don't know why that is.

So if you have written anything in the chat room and I don't see it, I apologize.

Sometimes it does not pop up until I turn everything off,

for whatever reason that is, some kind of delay, I guess.

So he's pointing to Susanna, which originally, we believe,

was the first part of Daniel.

Susanna 1, verse 42.

Let's see if that...

Okay, so this is not going to be

in the Alpha and Omega Bible yet,

because we're adding these words.

So it says in Susanna 1, verse 42,

in the old Greek version, it says,

And behold, a messenger of the Lord,

and that woman being brought forth to be destroyed,

and the messenger, even as he was commanded,

gave a spirit of understanding to a younger man, which was Daniel.

Amen.

That's very interesting.

Let me read that again.

And behold, a messenger of the Lord,



or it could be a manifestation of the Lord,  
and the woman being brought forth to be destroyed,  
and the messenger, or perhaps the manifestation of the Lord,  
even as he was commanded, gave a spirit of understanding to a younger man, which was Daniel.  
This might be talking about God, Christ, or it might be talking about an angel.  
I'm not for sure.

But nevertheless, Daniel was young.

When he was called by God, even as Jeremiah and Joseph was, and David was.

And again, in modern day society, most people treat the young people like babies and like children, even into their teenage years,

and even when they're 18 and 19 and 20, they're still treating these young adults as kids.

But in biblical times, they did not treat a 14-year-old as a kid.

They did not even treat a 12-year-old as a kid.

They didn't, but rather as young adults.

And David and Daniel and Jeremiah and Joseph

and some other men of God throughout time, they were extremely young and mature,  
but they were gifted with wisdom.

They also had more wisdom because of the times, the tribulations, sufferings, the life experiences.

They didn't sit at home playing a video game all the time or anything like that.

They got out. They saw things. They heard things.

They had a lot of life experience, even by the age of 12 and 14.

They, in that day and time, had a lot of life experience,

even by the time they were 12 and 14 years old.

Billy the Kid, Jesse James, they had lots of life experience

by the time they were 14, 15, and 16 years old.

They were grown men mentally and emotionally, and even in many aspects physically,  
they were grown men because they were not treated like babies.

They were not spoiled rotten.

And they had enough suffering to teach them a lot of life lessons.

So they were wiser beyond their years because of the generation,

and I believe even heavenly endowed with righteousness and wisdom to some aspects.

Okay, thank you for listening today.

I'm supposed to warm up into the teens today,

15 and maybe even 20 degrees.

I doubt it'll reach 20 because it got colder last night

than what they claimed it was going to and stayed cold longer than this.

So I really doubt it'll reach 20 today, but hopefully it'll reach 20.

It's supposed to be warmer tomorrow.

Hopefully some sun will come out later this afternoon,

and tomorrow hopefully some sun will come out

and help warm it up a little bit and help us to get the house warmer.

So I praise God that the electrical system has not completely crashed,  
but you know what?

If it did, it would serve the people well

in this region that were spoiled rotten.

I think of Brother Meekness in Zimbabwe and other people throughout Africa  
that actually the electricity being owned is rare.

The electric comes on, it's a surprise.

Oh, we got electric. Wow.

And yet people here in America,

they think they're going to die in 20 minutes when the power goes off.

It's ridiculous.

And what America needs is total destruction

by God, and they're going to get it because that's what they need,

and God is wise and loving and He's going to give them exactly what they need.

God doesn't need to bless America when America is full of fools

and spoiled rotten brats, let's just say it the way it is,

and that's the God honest truth and God is my witness.

I'm not afraid to say it.

If you want a Joel Osteen preacher, go and buy Joel Osteen.

You're not going to buy me.

Amen. Praise God.

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