

The Wisdom of God: Our Great Need, Message 2

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let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

SYNOPSIS:

This series of messages is going help the children of God understand that Jesus has turned every opportunity for sin into an opportunity to win. Every challenge we face in life is a door for which God's wisdom can be manifest in our life so we can know His plans for us to achieve achieve victory. In the process, we get to see the glory of God manifest in our lives.

INTRODUCTION:

It was very alarming for me to open up the Facebook account on my phone to find that there was a person that has not only decided to turn their back on their relationship with God, but felt that they had to go to the length of announcing it to the world on social media.

Evidently and apparently, this individual believes that God is on a campaign to answer everyone else's prayers but theirs.



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Maybe you have felt that way at one time or another in your life.

We can't let the devil get away with that lie in our lives.

You see, at one point in heaven, Lucifer was one of the archangels right up there with Michael and Gabriel.

As a matter of fact, he was in charge of worship in heaven.

Pay close attention to this truth, if **Proverbs 1: 7** is true and the fear of the Lord is the beginning knowledge and by extension, the beginning of wisdom, then this truth grants me great authority over the powers of darkness.

At some point Lucifer lost his fear of the Lord and attempted to take over the throne of God.

Because Lucifer has lost his fear of the Lord, this is why he isn't going to stop coming against you, because he doesn't know when to quit.

But if he has lost his fear of the Lord and he has no wisdom, and my respectful fear of the lord is growing daily so that I have the wisdom God operating in my life then who has the upper hand in this fight.

That's right, we need to live our lives according to the fact that God, through His wisdom has given His children dominion over the devil and his minions.

We are the ones who have the authority to tell the devil that his lies have no power over us in the name of Jesus.

We could stop right there, rejoice and go home but we are not going to do that, we are not finished yet.

Now turn to **Isaiah 55: 6** "**Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;**



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The reason for this is that God is not partial, God is not incomplete, God has all knowledge, God is without fragmentation.

So there is not anything that He cannot see or does not know.

Comparing ourselves to God, we know that we are blind and uninformed.

Honestly, we are pretty wrapped up in the little bit that we know about what is going on around us with our family and friends and neighbors while God knows everything.

God knows and sees, and we are blind and unlearned.

This is because God sees as we can't see, knows as we can't know, thinks as we can't think, because God is complete and we are not.

This is what God is like, God is God.

This why we need help in our lives.

So when we focus on the fact that we are not all-knowing we must come to the conclusion that we need help from the One who does.

If God sees our need and knows what to give us, and we don't receive it, and we reject it, we are not wise.

One of the things that we covered last week is that all sin is a form of insanity.

We know that it is unwise to put anything in our veins or lungs that will kill us but at various and sundry times we have chosen to do it because we were inflicted with insanity.

This is because sin is abnormal to human life, not normal, not according to God.

That's why when you get saved, God gives you a sound mind.

Now listen, because we don't know everything like God does, we must place our dependence upon Him to tell us what those things are that we have need of.

When God tells us what our need is, we must trust Him.

So, in trusting Him, we must obey what He tells us to do.

Because obedience to God is evidence of our love for Him.

We also need to understand that all true obedience to God is based in our faith that His word is true, and He will never leave us or forsake us.

When my oldest boy was little and I told him that he should jump from the top of his bunkbed and that I would catch him his obedience to me was an act of faith.

So then, the life that we live is a life of faith exemplified by obedience.

If you are here today and you have asked God to help you with something you are facing in life but you don't obey Him because you don't like what He said, then that is insane.



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You can tell me all day long all of the reasons why you don't want to do what God has you to do, but let me remind you that He has more information about your situation than you have, and the God of everything is not going to beg you to do what He laid out for you.

Furthermore, at times, He is not going to give you any more information than He has already given you, so buck up, put on big boy britches and lets get on with it, shall we?

When I was running two security teams for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, over half of the officers were eighty four miles away.

So, I passed most of my instructions to them via an email system.

Do you think for one minute that I had the time to sit at my desk and place every ounce of information that I had in those emails?

If that were the case, I would not be able to accomplish any of our mission goals.

I gave orders and if they were followed or I would write an officer up for insubordination.

Why, because when I told them what to do, I had information they did not have and that is the way it is with God.

However, God will not write you up for insubordination, you just won't get what you want from God and then you will be foolish enough to get angry and bitter with Him because you are so smart and God is so mean.

We absolutely must have faith in God and do what He tells us to do.

That's wisdom.



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To find out more about wisdom, let's go to ***1 Corinthians 1: 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,***

So, this scripture teaches me that if I live by human wisdom, that will surely cause me to succumb to the temptations of this world, it will only feed me heartache and death.

However, if I want Godly wisdom that can turn every temptation into an opportunity for victory, I can't get it from any place but in Jesus.

You can't get it from Buddha, you can't get from Confucius, they are dead.

You get Godly wisdom through the name of a living savior.

If you ask God what He meant about what He wrote, He answers because He is alive.

Now, let's go back to the book of James.

James 1: 2- 15 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;



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8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation,

10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away.

11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

James 3: 13-18 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

In verse 17, we see a list that describes the characteristics of Christ.

So, the character of divine wisdom is the character of Jesus Christ.

So if the wisdom that you are living your life by, does not have the characteristics of Christ, then it is not Godly.

The wisdom of God is manifest in our lives through the character of Christ.

Now go to ***Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.***

So, to reject the fear of the Lord is to reject Godly wisdom.

Why because ***Proverbs 1: 27-31*** says ***when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.***

28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me.

29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

30 would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof,

31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices.

Why is this important?

Because **Proverbs 3: 7** says ***Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.***

So if the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the fear of the Lord is to turn from evil, then I say again that to put anything in your body that you know is not good for you is unwise.

Is this making sense to you today?

The fear of the Lord is to depart from evil.

Now remember the reason for is that the fear of the Lord is the restraint to do evil.

Without the fear of the Lord there is no restraint to do evil.

So, where there is no fear of the Lord evil will abound.

One of the reasons why evil has abounded in America is because to a very great extent, the fear of the Lord has diminished in the church.

In **Acts 9:31** it says, ***So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.***

What this tells me is that for the church to grow, you have to have the balance of the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Ghost.

Because where you only have people who focus on the comfort of the Holy Ghost and not the fear of the Lord, people find it easier to sin, and continue on in their confession of Jesus Christ.

In these types of organizations, some people will say it doesn't matter what's going on in a leaders personal life so long as they appear to be anointed.



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They've got the gift.

The anointing and the gift do not amount to anything if the person does not have the character that is the basis for the conduct that gives validity to the giftedness and the anointing.

Because you can only go so long with the giftedness and anointing that eventually the loss of the character and conduct will cause the loss of the giftedness and the anointing.

It's like getting up speed in a boat or a car, and the engine dies, momentum will carry you for a while, but the power is gone.

The bible says the Kingdom is not in word but in power.

That is why we must learn the person is more than the message.

The only reason you can believe in the message is because you have reason to believe in the person.

The only reason you believe that the word of God is true is because you believe in the character of Jesus Christ.

Let's pick up here again next week.