

Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge

Throughout the Scriptures we find that there are three key words that are often linked together. Those words are wisdom, understanding and knowledge. They are necessary words for us to understand if we are going to faithfully serve **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) here on earth. The following is written to help us to understand more clearly these words and what they can do for us when they are operating in our lives.

Please note that there is a natural wisdom, understanding and knowledge, and there is a spiritual wisdom, understanding and knowledge. This message is focusing on the spiritual application of the words, for it is the spiritual aspect of these words that will make all the difference in our lives.

The Hebrew noun **חכמה** (khok. mä), also sometimes transliterated hokhmah, is the Hebrew word for "wisdom". The word occurs 149 times in the Masoretic text of the Hebrew Scripture.

יְהוָה (Yahuah) spoke these words concerning Bezalel: “And I have filled him with the Spirit of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), in wisdom (Hebrew word is “chokmah”), in understanding (“tebunah”), in knowledge (“daath”), and in all manner of workmanship . . .”

The word “wisdom” is translated from the Hebrew word “chokmah,” meaning “wisdom, skill”:- skilful, wisely, wit”; “to be or become wise. The word denotes the acquisition of the habit of wisdom, by experience, by the receiving of instruction, and by the exercising of correct judgment; wise-hearted”..

“Wisdom” is also given as meaning “to discern, to perceive; to discern mentally, to understand; to have understanding, to be intelligent, wise; discreet”. 1. The ability or result of an ability to think and act utilizing knowledge, experience, understanding, common sense, and insight. 2. accumulated knowledge, erudition, or enlightenment 4. soundness of mind”.

The word “Understanding” is translated from the Hebrew word “tebunah,” meaning “to separate, to distinguish; hence, to discern, to mark, to understand, all which depend on the power of separating, distinguishing, discriminating; specially to discern, perceive; to discern mentally, to understand; insight, understanding”; “discretion, reason, skilfulness, understanding, wisdom”.

The word “knowledge” is translated from the Hebrew word “daath,” meaning “cunning knowledge”, to perceive, to be sensible of, by sight, by touch, but chiefly in the mind; hence, to understand, observe; to consider; to mark and observe with a purpose.

With each of these three words there is a “cross-over” of meanings; they tend to blend into one another. They all have to do with perceiving and discerning in order to act wisely, with understanding and in genuine knowledge that glorifies **יְהוָה** (Yahuah). It is about learning to know what to do with what we know through wisdom, understanding and knowledge.

Wisdom was once regarded as a subject worthy of rigorous scholarly inquiry in order to understand its nature and benefits. It is difficult to imagine a subject more central to the highest

aspirations of being human. The study of wisdom holds great promise for shedding light on and opening up new insights for our growth.

THERE IS A CLEAR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL WISDOM:

“Who is a wise (“sophos” = “skill”) and endued with knowledge (“epistemon” = “understanding, intelligent”; “to fix one’s mind upon, i.e. to understand, to know how to do anything, to know well, to have knowledge” among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom (“sophia”).

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure (“hagnos” = “clean, chaste, pure”; “not contaminated, pure from every defilement”, then peaceable (“eirenikos” = “relating to peace, peaceful, disposed to peace; healthful, wholesome”, gentle (“epieikes” = “appropriate, mild, moderate, patient”), willing to yield (“easy to be intreated”; “eupeithes” = “easily persuaded”, full of mercy (“eleos” = “active compassion”, and good fruits (“karpos” = “fruit”), without partiality (“adiakritos” = “not judging diversely, impartial” and without hypocrisy (“anupokritos” = “the practice of professing standards, beliefs, etc., contrary to one’s real character or behaviour, especially the pretence of virtue or piety” **James 3:13-18**.

Notice in these verses from **James 3** that wisdom has character and graces. It is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Knowledge is the accumulation of facts and information. **Wisdom** is the synthesis of **knowledge** and experiences into insights that deepen one's understanding of relationships and the meaning of life. In other words, **knowledge** is a tool, and **wisdom** is the craft in which the tool is used.

Wisdom and knowledge, both recurring themes in Scripture, are related but not synonymous. The dictionary defines wisdom as “the ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting.” Knowledge, on the other hand, is “information gained through experience, reasoning, or acquaintance.” Knowledge can exist without wisdom, but not the other way around. One can be knowledgeable without being wise. Knowledge is knowing how to use a gun; wisdom is knowing when to use it and when to keep it holstered.

What wisdom is not:

1. Wisdom is not a rule or set of rules, because rules are abstract (context-independent) and wisdom is concrete (context-dependent). The fool is not incapable of grasping and applying rules; what the fool fails to grasp is the appropriateness of a given rule for a given situation. .
2. So it also is not a virtue, because virtues are actions in accordance with the concept of a rule, and can be taught and learned, whereas wisdom (as good judgement in the proper application of rules) cannot.

יְהוָה (Yahuah) wants us to have knowledge of Him and what He expects of us. In order to obey Him, we have to have knowledge of his commands. But as equally important as having knowledge is having wisdom. Knowing facts about יְהוָה (Yahuah) and Scripture is not all there is to wisdom. Wisdom is a gift from יְהוָה (Yahuah). **James 1:5** states, “If any of you

lacks wisdom, you should ask **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) Barks (blesses) us with wisdom in order for us to glorify Him and use the knowledge we have of Him.

The book of Proverbs is perhaps the best place in Scripture to learn of Scriptural wisdom.

Proverbs 1:7 speaks of both Scriptural knowledge and wisdom: “The fear of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” To fear **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is to start on the path to knowledge, and **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) can then begin to provide us with wisdom through our Messiah, who Scripture says is wisdom itself: “It is because you are in **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) HaMashiach, who has become for us wisdom from **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) that is, our righteousness, Kadoshness (holiness) and redemption” **1 Corinthians 1:30**.

Knowledge is what is gathered over time through study of the Scriptures. It can be said that wisdom, in turn, acts properly upon that knowledge. Wisdom is the fitting application of knowledge. Knowledge understands the light has turned red; wisdom applies the brakes. Knowledge sees the quicksand; wisdom walks around it. Knowledge memorizes the Ten Commandments; wisdom obeys them. Knowledge learns of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah); wisdom loves Him.

Wisdom of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah).

אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) is wise and full of knowledge:

Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is an El (god) of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. **1 Samuel 2:3**

There is no lack of knowledge in Him:

Job 36:4 - For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with you.

Job 37:16 – Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

Psalms 147:5 - Great is **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

Truly, there is no way to match His wisdom:

Isaiah 40:28 – Have you not known? have you not heard, that the everlasting Alahym, **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), the Creator of the ends of the earth, faints not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Romans 11:33 - O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Psalms 139:1 - O **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), you have searched me, and known me.**2** - You know my sitting down and mine rising up, you understand my thought afar off.**3** - You direct my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.**4** - For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), you know it altogether.**5** – You have beset me behind and before, and laid your hand upon me.**6** - Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Yet He gives wisdom to the wise:

Daniel 2:20 - Daniel answered and said, Baruch (Blessed) be the name of Alahym for ever and

ever: for wisdom and might are his:

Daniel 2:21 - And he changes the times and the seasons: he removes kings, and sets up kings: he gives wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:**22** - He reveals the deep and secret things: he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

Proverbs 3:13 - Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and the man that gets understanding.**14** - For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.**15** - She is more precious than rubies: and all the things you can desire are not to be compared unto her.**16** - Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.**17** - Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.**18** - She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retains her.

Proverbs 4:5 - Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.**6** - Forsake her not, and she shall preserve you: love her, and she shall keep you.**7** - Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all your getting, get understanding.

If we really considered that our days are numbered, it might cause us to seek after wisdom:

Psalms 90:12 - So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

If we do not seek wisdom, we walk on dangerous ground:

Proverbs 1:20 - Wisdom cries without; she utters her voice in the streets:**21** - She cries in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she utters her words, saying,**22** - How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

Proverbs 1:24 - Because I have called, and you refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

Proverbs 1:26 - I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear comes;**27** - When your fear comes as desolation, and your destruction comes as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish comes upon you.**28** - Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:**29** - For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah):

Dangerous ground indeed! Some wondered where the Messiah got all His wisdom:

Matthew 13:54 - And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, How has this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

Proverbs 2:6 - For אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) gives wisdom: out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

If we have wisdom, others can know from whom we learned it:

Luke 21:15 - For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to deny or contradict, nor resist.

Acts 4:13 - Now when they saw the boldness of Kepha and John, and perceived that they were

unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with **וַיְהוֹשׁוּא** (Yahushua).

For in Him is all Wisdom:

Colossians 2:1 - For I would that you knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;**2** - 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 **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), the Father, and of the Messiah; **3** - In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Ecclesiastes 12:11 - The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. For He is the Word and the Word of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) IS wisdom.

But how do we begin to gain wisdom? Where must we begin?

Job 28:28 - And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

Proverbs 1:7 - The fear of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10 - The fear of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Kadosh (holy) is understanding.

Psalms 111:10 - The fear of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endures for ever.

The message is clear. Several times in the word of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) we are told that the fear of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is the beginning of wisdom.

Meaning of the fear of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)

The main Hebrew and Greek words translated fear in Scripture can have several shades of meaning, but in the context of the fear of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), they convey a positive reverence.

The Hebrew verb **Yare** can mean “to fear, to respect, to reverence” and the Hebrew noun **Yirah** “usually refers to the fear of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and is viewed as a positive quality. This fear acknowledges **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s good intentions (**Exodus 20:20**). ... This fear is produced by **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s Word (**Psalms 119:38; Proverbs. 2:5**) and makes a person receptive to wisdom and knowledge (**Proverbs 1:7; 9:10**)”.

The Greek noun **Phobos** can mean “reverential fear” of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), “not a mere ‘fear’ of His power and righteous retribution, but a wholesome dread of displeasing Him”, “Fear, Fearful, Fearfulness”).

“Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and in the comfort of the Ruach HaKodesh, they were multiplied” (**Acts 9:31**).

One resource includes this helpful summary: “The fear of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is an attitude of respect, a response of reverence and wonder. It is the only appropriate response to our Creator and Redeemer”.

If you study scripture, there is no mistaking the repeated commands to fear אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). Wise King Solomon put it this way in explaining his reason for writing the book of Proverbs: “The fear of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) is the beginning of knowledge” (**Proverbs 1:7**).

Why? Consider these words of the psalmist: “The fear of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever” (**Psalms 111:10**).

In **Psalms 34**, King David also tells us about learning the fear of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah): “Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). . . . Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it” (verses 11, 13-14).

A healthy fear of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) includes the fear of the consequences of disobedience. There may be times of temptation or trial when we may forget some of the better reasons for obeying אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), and that is when we had better think of the consequences (**Exodus 20:20**).

Some act as if we need not fear אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) at all. **וַיֹּשֶׁבֶט** (Yahusha) said:

Luke 12:5 - But I will forewarn you whom you shall fear: Fear him, which after he has killed has power to cast into Sheol; yes, I say unto you, Fear him.

We can ask אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) for wisdom and we will receive it, if we ask in faith:

James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.⁶ - But let him ask in Amanah (faith), with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.⁷ - For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah);

James is talking about אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)’S Wisdom that enables us to endure trials joyfully.

When you study Scripture, it is crucial to study the text in its context, and also to understand how the words are used in Scripture. In the context of **James 1**, wisdom refers to the wisdom that we need to endure trials with אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)’s joy, so that we will be “perfect and complete, lacking in nothing” (1:4). James realizes that in a time of trials, אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)’s people often do lack His wisdom on how to endure those trials with joy. Thus he adds verses 5-8. Of course, we can ask אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) for wisdom in any matter in life that we face, but in the context here, it is focused on asking אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) for the wisdom that we need to endure trials joyfully.

Enduring trials with joy goes against our natural inclination. When trials hit, we’re all prone to ask, “Why is this happening to me?” But that is usually the wrong question. Sometimes, אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) graciously reveals to us the reason for our suffering, but not always. The important questions to ask when a trial hits are, “How can I understand this trial from אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)’s perspective? How can I navigate through this storm in such a way as to bring esteem to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)? How can this trial help me grow in maturity?”

James goes on to say that we must ask אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) for wisdom “in Amanah (faith) without any doubting” (1:6), and that the one who doubts is “a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways” (1:8). The Greek word, literally, is a “double-souled” man. It refers to a man whose heart

is divided between allegiance to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and the allurements of the world. In other words, he's not sure that he wants to know **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s wisdom, because he isn't fully committed to submitting to it. It would be nice to know **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s wisdom for his situation, but before he commits to obeying it, he needs to find out if he likes it. In other words, he's shopping for answers that fit what he wants to do. If **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s wisdom sounds good, he'll follow it. But if worldly wisdom sounds better, he'll follow that. James says that such a person will not receive anything from **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah).

There are (3) three parts to this:

1. Ask.

It's a simple command, "Let him ask." There is no magic formula. Just ask.

2. Ask **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah).

"Let him ask of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)" (1:5). Every believer is a priest who can approach **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) directly. If you know **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha), ask **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) directly.

Peter tells us that **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s "divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and Righteousness through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises..." (2 **Pet. 1:3-4a**). Paul assures us (**Eph. 3:12**) that in Messiah "we have boldness and confident access through Amanah (faith) in Him." So, when you need wisdom to endure a trial in a manner pleasing to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), go directly to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) in prayer through **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha). Ask Him to direct you to the wisdom in His Word that you need. He promises to give it generously!

3. Ask **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) in Amanah (Faith), without Doubting.

Amanah (Faith) is essential in approaching **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), because as **Hebrews 11:6** says, "Without Amanah (faith) it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." It would be silly to ask something of a Being that you weren't sure existed. Or, if He did exist, you weren't sure if He cared about your request or if He had the power to grant it! So to ask from **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), you must believe that He exists, that He personally cares for you, and He is able to give you the wisdom that you need to endure your trial with His joy.

If you doubt **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s existence or His ability to give you wisdom for your need, James says (1:6) that you're "like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind." The surf has no inner power or principle to direct itself. It is totally at the will of the wind. It is completely unstable and chaotic. And, it can be a destructive force as it batters a boat or drives it against the rocks. That's a picture of the person who lacks Amanah (faith) in **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah).

At the root of this unbelief is being double-minded. The person who doubts **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is not committed to obey **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) no matter what. His heart is not fully surrendered to do **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s will. He's curious about **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s wisdom, to find out if it agrees with him, but he's not committed to do it if it involves suffering or inconvenience. That person, James says, "ought not to expect that he will receive anything from **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)" (1:7). So the first thing in obtaining wisdom from **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is to surrender your heart to Him.

Scriptural wisdom focuses on practical living in obedience to אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s revealed will. The fool in Proverbs is not the man who is mentally deficient, but rather the man who is morally deficient. He ignores אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s commandments and lives according to human wisdom. The wise man lives in obedience to אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah). Thus he skillfully puts together a life that is beautiful from אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s perspective. Thus scripture affirms (**Job 28:28**), "The fear of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding" (**Psalms 111:10**) So, by wisdom, James is talking about the skill that enables us to live obediently before אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) in the midst of trials. The result will be a truly beautiful life that glorifies אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah).

The Psalmist cried out to אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) for wisdom:

Psalms 119:169 - Let my cry come near before you, O אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah): give me understanding according to your word.

Wisdom cries out unto all:

Proverbs 8:1 - Does not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? **2** - She stands in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.**3** - She cries at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. **4** - Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. **5** - O you simple, understand wisdom: and, you fools, be you of an understanding heart. **6** - Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.**7** - For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.**8** - All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.**9** - They are all plain to him that understands, and right to them that find knowledge.

We must seek wisdom diligently:

Proverbs 2:3 - You, if you cry after knowledge, and lift up your voice for understanding;**4** - If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasures;**5** - Then shall you understand the fear of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), and find the knowledge of Alahym.

HalluYah!

Proverbs 2:6 - For אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) gives wisdom: out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.**7** - He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.**8** - He keeps the paths of judgment, and preserves the way of his chosen.**9** - Then shall you understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; you, every good path.**10** - When wisdom enters into your heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto your soul;**11** - Discretion shall preserve you, understanding shall keep you:**12** - To deliver you from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaks froward things;**13** - Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;**14** - Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

Proverbs 3:7 - Be not wise in your own eyes: fear אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), and depart from evil.

Isaiah 5:21 - Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

Proverbs 26:12 - See you a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

There is more hope for a fool than for a man who is wise in his own conceit!

2Timothy 3:15 - And that from a child you have known the Kadosh scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through Amanah (faith) which is in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) ha Mashiach.**16** - All scripture is given by inspiration of **AYAZL** (Yahuah), and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**17** - That the man of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

They are able to make us wise unto salvation through faith in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)! What scriptures did Timothy use? Was he reading Matthew – Revelation? Certainly not, for the New testament had yet to be written

But He was reading from the Torah/Law and Prophets and they make us wise unto salvation! They lead to **OWYAZL** (Yahusha). The Torah IS our wisdom:

Deuteronomy 4:5 - Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as **AYAZL** (Yahuah) my Alahym commanded me, that you should do so in the land whither you go to possess it.**6** - Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

Is the Torah your wisdom?

Psalms 119:103 - How sweet are your words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**104** - Through your precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

Proverbs 2:6 - For **AYAZL** (Yahuah) gives wisdom: out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

Psalms 19:7 - The law of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is sure, making wise the simple.

Psalms 119:98 - Thou through your commandments has made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.**99** - I have more understanding than all my teachers: for your testimonies are my meditation.**100** - I understand more than the ancients, because I keep your precepts.

John 6:63 - It is the ruach (spirit) that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are ruach (spirit), and they are life.

In the Torah, wisdom cries out. But who will heed the wisdom? Who will seek the understanding given? We must seek wisdom. Some say that you can't bring together the so-called "old" and "new" testaments as one doctrine, **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said:

Matthew 13:52 - Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of the heavens is like unto a man that is an householder, which brings forth out of his treasure things new and old.

Scribes are teachers of the law. Let's bring forth things old and new. Whether old or new, all of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s word is true and all of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s word is wisdom forever and ever!

Matthew 5:18 - For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Heaven and earth has yet to pass away

Matthew 5:19 - Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall

teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

And in the preceding verse **OWYAZL** (Yahushah) said:

Matthew 5:17 - Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Yet too many have forgotten the ancient ways:

Jeremiah 6:16 - Thus says **AYAZL** (Yahuah), You shall Stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.**17** - Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.**18** - Therefore hear, you nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them.**19** - Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

Therefore, beware of any who profess wisdom, but reject portions of wisdom in the word of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)

Jeremiah 8:9 - The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of **AYAZL** (Yahuah); and what wisdom is in them?

Let's remember the warning of Isaiah:

Isaiah 8:20 - To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

And consider the example given in the book of Jeremiah:

Jeremiah 9:12 - Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and who is he to whom the mouth of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) has spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perish and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passes through?**13** - And **AYAZL** (Yahuah) says, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;

Forsake not His law, be a wise man who may understand!

A truly wise man (Solomon) wrote:

Ecclesiastes 3:14 - I know that, whatsoever Alahym does, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and Alahym does it, that men should fear before him.

Indeed, His law was given so that we would fear Him. The kings of Israel were commanded to write a copy of the torah to keep with them:

Deuteronomy 17:18 - And it shall be, when he sits upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:**19** - And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear **AYAZL** (Yahuah) his Alahym, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

What do we do once we find wisdom?

Once we find wisdom, we must hear and do it.

James 1:22 - But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**23** - For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;**24** - for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.**25** - But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Do we want more wisdom and truth? Continue in His word:

John 8:31 - Then said **וַיֹּאמֶר** (Yahusha) to those Hebrew which believed on him, If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed;**32** - And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Proverbs 4:18 - But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

If we do not obey the wisdom and truth given to us, of what use is it to us? It would only burden us greater. Many are weighted down for this reason

Psalms 50:16 - But unto the wicked Alahym says, What have you to do to declare my statutes, or that you should take my covenant in your mouth?**17** - Seeing you hate instruction, and cast my words behind you.

Therefore:

Matthew 7:19 - Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire.**20** - Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them.**21** - Not every one that says unto me, Rabbi, Rabbi, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heavens.**22** - Many will say to me in that day, Rabbi, Rabbi, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works?**23** - And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity (Commandment breakers).

Matthew 7:24 - Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: **25** - And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. **26** - And every one that hears these sayings of mine, and does them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:**27** - And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Let's be the wise man! Let's not only seek wisdom that is from above, let's walk in the light that is given.

Proverbs 6:23 - For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

Proverbs 4:18 - But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shines more and more unto the perfect day.

Let's not only pray for wisdom. Let's ask for the strength from **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) to obey that wisdom. For that is true wisdom!

Proverbs 24:1 - Be not envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.**2** - For their heart studies destruction, and their lips talk of mischief. **3** - Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: **4** - And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.**5** - A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increases strength.

A wise man has strength

Proverbs 24:6 - For by wise counsel you shall make your war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.

But remember One day, all will bow the knee to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), saying:

Isaiah 45:23 - I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.**24** - Surely, shall one say, in **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.**25** - In **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Only in Him can we have righteousness and only in Him can we have strength. He is the source of wisdom, righteousness and strength

Ecclesiastes 12:12 - And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.**13** - Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Alahym, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**14** - For Alahym shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. .

Colossians 3:16 - Let the word of the Messiah dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with favor in your hearts to the Master.**17** - And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Master **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha), giving thanks to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) the Father by him.