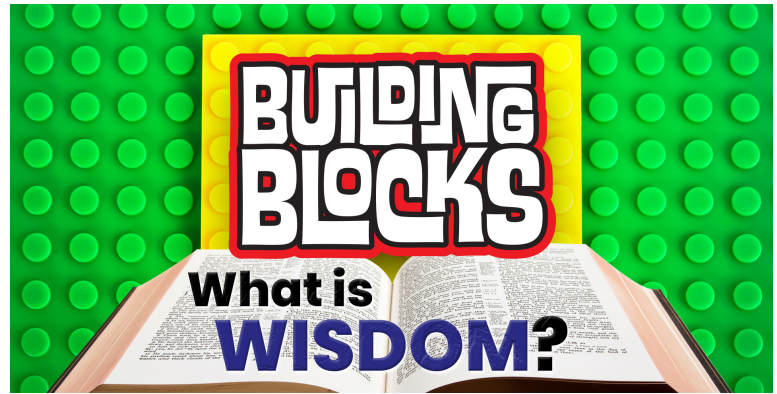


2 • The Lord Gives Wisdom

“What is WISDOM?” We learned last week that wisdom is “knowing which way to go.” We NEED wisdom, but where can we find it?



That’s what Job was trying to figure out in **Job 28**. We heard last week that “wisdom is better than jewels” (**Proverbs 8:11**), and Job knew where to find jewels (**Job 28:1-11**). “But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?” (**Job 28:12**).

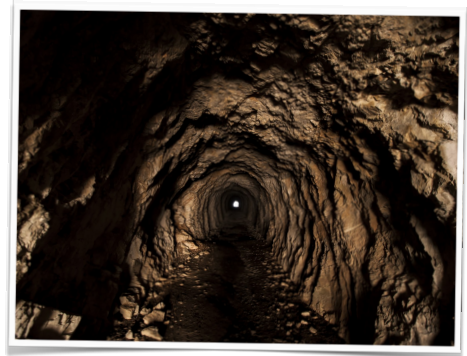
- ❖ Wisdom isn’t way down in the _____ (**28:14**)
- ❖ Wisdom isn’t deep down in the _____ (**28:14**)
- ❖ Wisdom can’t be _____ for any amount of money (**28:15**)
- ❖ Wisdom isn’t way up high in the _____ (**28:21**)

“From where, then, does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding?” (**Job 28:20**). Listen very carefully to the answer:

“ _____ understands the way to it,
and he knows its place.” (**28:23**)

And he said to man,

‘Behold, the _____ of the Lord, that is wisdom,
and to turn _____ from evil is understanding.’” (**28:28**)



God understands the way to wisdom! But guess what? He not only understands the way **TO** wisdom, he wants to **GIVE** us wisdom.

For the **LORD** _____ wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. (**Proverbs 2:6**)

So what can I do to receive what my Creator is willing to give? We have a lot to talk about, but **James 1:5** is a great place to start: “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him _____ God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”

How can I do that? Let’s talk about it!

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Job 28:28 taught us, “Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom.” Can you find Psalm 111:10 and Proverbs 9:10 in your Bible? What do they teach us? Let’s fill in the blanks below...

The _____ of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding. (Psalm 111:10)

The fear of the LORD is the _____ of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. (Proverbs 9:10)

What does it mean to “fear” God?

What do you think Solomon meant? How is fear the very “beginning of wisdom”?

Let’s turn our Bibles back to Proverbs 2 and read 2:1-8 together. What can we learn from Solomon’s wise words?

Our video ended in James 1. Let’s read 1:5-8 together. How can I “ask” God for wisdom? What might that sound like?

NEXT Wednesday:

Next Wednesday we’ll take a big look at Proverbs as a book FULL of wisdom.