



Message from Pastor Paul

Recently, I spoke on the supremacy of wisdom in a person's life. Biblical wisdom is simply trusting God and embracing His ways by following them in our lives. When King David was instructing his child, Solomon, he encouraged him to secure wisdom. "Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding" (Proverbs 4:7). This deeply impacted the life of young Solomon. Later, as King, God appeared to Solomon in a dream. What did Solomon ask God for? Solomon asked for wisdom (1 Kings 3:5-9).

As Solomon reflected on the value of biblical wisdom, he outlined three powerful ingredients revealing the supremacy of God's wisdom: security, stability and ultimately a satisfying life.

Our security is found in a relationship with God, and not in what this earthly life often promises. All that is seen is temporary. There is only one safe place in life, and that's putting our complete trust in God. When we walk with God, we will have an elevated life—a high position of rank, power and authority.

We often fail to realize our spiritual authority as God's children. The apostle Paul communicated that we have spiritual blessings in heavenly places (Eph. 1:5). What are some of these blessings? We are chosen, forgiven, made holy and blameless, loved, adopted, redeemed, lavished with wisdom and understanding. God wants to make known to us the mystery of His will.

Biblical wisdom also gives us the ability to stand when others around us are falling. When we embrace God's way, we find God as a refuge. Proverbs 4:11,12 states, "I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble."

So, how can we be strong? How can we stand when others are falling? Though we may feel weak, discouraged, afraid or insufficient for what lies before us, we can find strength and courage from simply understanding and resting in the realization that God is with us. God will neither forsake nor fail us (1 Chronicles 28:20).

Biblical wisdom eventually brings a deeper satisfaction with life. However, there are always challenges that come our way. There is a spiritual battle transpiring to defeat us from walking in safety, stability and satisfaction. It's the battle for our hearts. Solomon warns us to guard our hearts. Just like soldiers are commissioned to guard against intruders or enemy agents that would try to infiltrate their camp. When speaking of the heart, the ancient writers understood this to mean more than a physical organ, or just human emotion. The heart speaks of the core personality—our soul which includes the mind, the will and the emotions. When we are guarding our heart, what we are doing is watching over our soul.

The analogy that Solomon gives is that of an illuminated pathway. Those who venture from this path of wisdom or illumination, find themselves walking in the dark where there are obstacles that one can easily stumble over. We must guard our words, our vision and our actions. The path of wisdom is an ever brightening and more rewarding way (cf. Proverbs 4:18).