

## Pursuing Wisdom for Life

**Wisdom:** H2450/H2451 *chokmah* – knowing the way of the righteous: truth and justice. Derived from the mouth of God, the ways of God.

### A. Understanding Wisdom

1. Wisdom has hewn out her seven pillars. (see illustration) Pro 9:1
  - a. Understanding – knowledge, meaning, to deduced one thing from another.
  - b. Instruction/discipline – reproof, discipline, ethical teaching, binding one's self to wisdom.
  - c. Knowledge – knowledge, cunning, awareness.
  - d. Righteousness – the right (natural, moral, legal), justice, equity.
  - e. Equity – evenness, that which is equal, right.
  - f. Discretion – a plan, intent, quality of being discerning, farsighted wisdom.
  - g. Prudence – shrewdness, discretion.
2. First Foundation of Wisdom – Fear of the Lord Psa 111:10
3. Second Foundation of Wisdom – righteousness, judgment. Psa 97:2; 98:14
4. Flow of Wisdom
  - a. The command to obtain wisdom, Pro 4:1-13  
Pro 4:1-13 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. 2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. 3 For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. 4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. 5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. 6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. 9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. 10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. 11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. 12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. 13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.
  - b. Results: a life full of life. Pro 4:18  
Pro 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

## B. Acquiring Wisdom

### 1. The reward of wisdom.

Pro 2:1-12,16,20

Pro 2:1-12,16, 20 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. 10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; 11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: 12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; 16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; 20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

### 2. The Spirit upon us.

Isa 11:2-3

Isa 11:2-3 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD.

### 3. Prayer for the spirit of wisdom and revelation.

Eph 1:17-19

Eph 1:17-19 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

### 4. Prayer to know God's will.

Col 1:9-10

Col 1:9-10 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

### 5. If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God.

Jas 1:5-6 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the

wind and tossed.

### **C. Wisdom and the Fear of the Lord**

1. The scripture describes the fear of the Lord on two levels.
2. Fear of divine retribution. Psa 111:10; Pro 9:10; 1:4
  - a. This aspect of the fear of the Lord will cause a person to make the right choices in life out of the fear of the consequences of making the wrong choices.
  - b. by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil. Pro 16:6
3. A solemn respect for God. Pro 2:5
  - a. We are so taken and overwhelmed by the Grandeur, Sublimity, Awesomeness, Righteousness, Holiness, Judgment, Lovingkindness, Mercy, Truth, and Goodness of God that obedience and service is our only reasonable response.
  - b. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil. Pro 8:13  
Pro 8:13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

## Wisdom Has Hewn Out Her Seven Pillars - Prov 9:1



**Fear of the Lord Prov 1:7; 2:4**

**Righteousness, Judgment Ps 97:2; 89:14**

