

Where Is Wisdom Found?

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Introduction

1. Proverbs 4:7; Job 28:12
2. Job has been searching for true wisdom after being attacked by Satan Job 1-3
3. Job's friends had been dispensing their own wisdom to him 4-28
4. Job is answering in friends Job 26:1-4, notice how he concludes verse 14
5. Job then comes back to wisdom in 28 by contrasting what men could find 1-14; with what me could not find 12-22; and then what only God can give 23-28
6. These are thus our three points of our sermon.

II Discussion

1. What men could find Job 28:1-11
 - a. Pharaoh 5,000 years ago knew the value of gold and silver "One part of gold is equal to two and ½ parts silver
 - b. Why is this important? Because men knew where to find gold and the value to place upon gold and silver Genesis 13:2
 - c. Iron and brass Job 28:2; Genesis 4:22
 - d. Job 28:3 artificial light used to brighten areas which are in darkness
 - e. Job 28:4 pictures the danger of hidden volumes of water which could flood caves and so would be a hazard. Men used engines, pumps and buckets to draw the water out ASV has hanging and swing to and fro. This refers to the descending and ascending in and out of mines by rope or baskets
 - f. Job 28:5 earth provides metal and food men can take advantage of both. Coal used for cooking food Genesis 7:11
 - g. Job 28:7-8 migratory birds could not know where man has gone, birds could not see where man has gone
 - h. Job 28:9-11 the tunneling through mountains or under seas, strip mining, cutting channels or passages through rock to get to precious things. The damming of rivers to help man do things
 - i. Men have found silver, gold, iron, brass, bread, sapphires and much more but there are some things man could not find.
2. What man could not find Job 28:12-22
 - a. Job 28:12 Where is wisdom found. Verse 20
 - b. Wisdom is better than all the above mentioned things found Proverbs 16:16; 3:14-15; 8:11
 - c. Man does not know the price of wisdom Job 28:13
 - d. Nature could not find the value of wisdom Job 28:14
 - e. Men cannot buy it, trade for it or procure it in other ways Job 28:15-19
 - f. With the price of gold being at almost \$2,000 an ounce, you cannot but wisdom for any amount of gold.
 - g. Job ask where does wisdom comes from 28:20-22 it is hid from the living and the dead

3. Wisdom is only God given Job 28:23-28
 - a. Wisdom is only found with God 23
 - b. Solomon knew that God was the source of wisdom 1 Kings 3:5-12; Proverbs 2:1-7
 - c. James knew that wisdom came from God James 1:5
 - d. Paul told Timothy that wisdom was found in God's word 2 Timothy 3:15-17
 - e. God used His wisdom in controlling nature Job 28:24-26; only God can control the universe
 - f. Adds speed to the wind, specific gravity of the seas; weights the water Isaiah 40:12
 - g. Job said the fear of the Lord is wisdom Job 28:28

III Conclusion

1. We have seen what man could find and what he cannot find and we have seen that only God gives wisdom
2. Wisdom is obey God Proverbs 4:5-6; 8-9; Ecclesiastes 12:13
3. Do you fear God, are you obeying His commands, now is the time to start.
4. Come now!

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