



The Kingdom Sermon Series
Divine Lessons from the Kingdom of Israel & Judah

WISDOM

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INTRO:

We all need wisdom! But what kind of wisdom that actually we are looking for? This world has so many kinds of wisdom, even the Bible mention about several kinds of wisdom throughout the days of the Bible. Above it all, there is one wisdom that excelled the wisdom of this world, and it is **the wisdom of God**. Why we need the wisdom of God? How we can have it? Wisdom is not only something abstract, indeed it is a true thing that can be seen by people around us, and it will reveal the excellency of God's Kingdom through our life. So, how that wisdom will bring our life more meaningful?

BACKGROUND:

The history of the kingdom of Israel & Judah truly become a great & precious lesson for believers to bring God's Kingdom happens in earth! Lots of things happened during the period of the kingdom. It not only shaped the history but also adds a divine value within the journey of our faith.

Saul was the first king in the united kingdom (c. 1052 BC), and Solomon was the last king before the kingdom then divided into the northern kingdom – the kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom – the kingdom of Judah (c.931 BC). Various kings ruled Israel and Judah until the fall of the northern kingdom in 722 BC and the fall of Jerusalem (capital of the southern kingdom) in 586 BC. All of those **466 years of history** were recorded from the perspective of God and written in the book of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles. <https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-timeline.html>

The first lesson that we are going to learn now is about the importance of having **the wisdom of God** to live in His Kingdom.

The Prayer

1KINGS 3 ⁷ Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I *am* a little child; **I do not know *how*** to go out or come in. ⁸ And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. ⁹ Therefore give to Your servant **an understanding heart to judge Your people**, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this **great people of Yours?**"

¹⁰ The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

WISDOM:

experiencing
heaven in earth;
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in
heaven



Why Solomon asked for wisdom?

Solomon might just copy the leadership style from the kingdom around him, but he did not do that because he acknowledged that he was **dealing with God's people**, not just an ordinary people. Asking wisdom from God must happen in the ground of acknowledgment that God's authority above everything, God is the owner of everything, and we must do everything according to His way, not our own way. **That's why we need wisdom of God!**

Believers must admit that we, including everything that with us now, are belong to God. We live in His kingdom, not our own kingdom. We live for Him. So that every single thing that we are going to do must aligned with His heart, and not our own heart. From the prayer of Solomon, simply we may **define wisdom** as an understanding heart to apply the righteousness of God in our daily life.

1KINGS 4³⁰ Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. ³¹ For he was wiser than all men—than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations.

Different Kind of Wisdom

- The wisdom of **Egypt** *1Ki.4:30*
 - The wisdom of the men of the **East** *1Ki.4:30*
- The wisdom of this **world** *1Cor.1:20*
- **Greeks** seek after wisdom *1Cor.1:22*

Let's Play Tag!

ANTARCTICA

WORLD Tag

ASIA

AUSTRALIA

Let's Get Started!

What is a Map?

Map Legend

Travel

Let's Explore!

Kids Like Me!

Continents & Countries

Every nation and every part of this world may have their own wisdom! But in the days of Solomon, his wisdom that he got from God, just excelled anyone else! The wisdom of Solomon was compared with the wisdom of Egyptians and the East men who were more ancient rather than the kingdom of Israel. Truly, the wisdom from God is not merely about the time, but it is about divine gift within God's words!

The psalmist wrote: I understand **more than the ancients**, because I keep Your precepts *Psa.119:100*. That was the true evidence how the wisdom of God excelled the wisdom of this world.

Wisdom in Action

#decision-making#
#management-
and-coordination#
#daily-life#
#wider deeper higher#

1KINGS 3 ²⁷ So the king answered and said, "Give the first woman the living child, and by no means kill him; she *is* his mother." ²⁸ And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had rendered; and they feared the king, for **they saw** that the wisdom of God *was* in him to administer justice.

1KINGS 10 ⁴ And when the queen of Sheba **had seen** all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, ⁵ the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.



Wisdom is not an abstract thing, wisdom is not only about our relation with God spiritually. **The true wisdom** will be evident and can be seen by others. All people in Israel feared the king because they can see the wisdom of God in King Solomon. Wisdom is revealed when we must make a decision. In every step, believers are required to make a wise decision.

Also the queen of Sheba could see all the wisdom of Solomon, not only in the court when the king must take a decision, but in his daily life, even in the dining table, in the house, and in everything that Solomon did. **Wisdom of God** will empower us to look upon everything wider, deeper, and higher, even from the perspective of God, from God's point of view, from God's heart, so that we may bring the presence of heaven down here in the earth.

So, how can believers have astounding wisdom of God in daily life?

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Jesus Christ and Solomon

MATTHEW 12 ⁴² The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed **a greater than Solomon is here.**

1CORINTHIANS 1
²³ we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

King Solomon was the greatest king with wisdom in the day of Old Testament. But then Jesus Christ came to the earth and He is **greater than Solomon!** Truly Jesus is the wisdom of God!

By receiving Christ as our Saviour will also means that we are receiving the wisdom of God. By living according to what Jesus told us to do will also means that we are living with the wisdom of God. Jesus Christ came to this world so that we can **live in the wisdom of God**, we can make and take decision that according to the wisdom of God, we can manage and coordinate everything in our life according to the wisdom of God, simply all things that we do in our daily life will align to God's heart.

Benchmark of the true wisdom

Believers must not use the benchmark from this world to measure the success of wisdom of God. For example, when believers all around the world persecuted because of their faith, by the wisdom of God believers will never ever revenge for it. This world may see that as foolishness but it is the heavenly wisdom indeed.

Luk.11:49 Therefore **the wisdom of God** also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,'

Luk.11:49 Sebab itu **hikmat Allah** berkata: Aku akan mengutus kepada mereka nabi-nabi dan rasul-rasul dan separuh dari antara nabi-nabi dan rasul-rasul itu akan mereka bunuh dan mereka aniaya,

The wisdom of God does not always mean 100% success according to what the world may see. The prophets and the apostles were killed and the world may say that they were fail. But again, it was not the benchmark that God use! Even though half of His servants will be persecuted and killed, but because of His love toward His people, God keep sending His servants, and that is **the wisdom of God!**



Walk in Wisdom

The Excellency of God's Wisdom in Practical Life

COLOSSIANS 4 ⁵Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time. ⁶Let your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

EPHESIANS 5 ¹⁵See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. ¹⁸And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit



More practical, apostle Paul taught us to **walk in wisdom**. What are the practical things for us to do according to the wisdom of God?

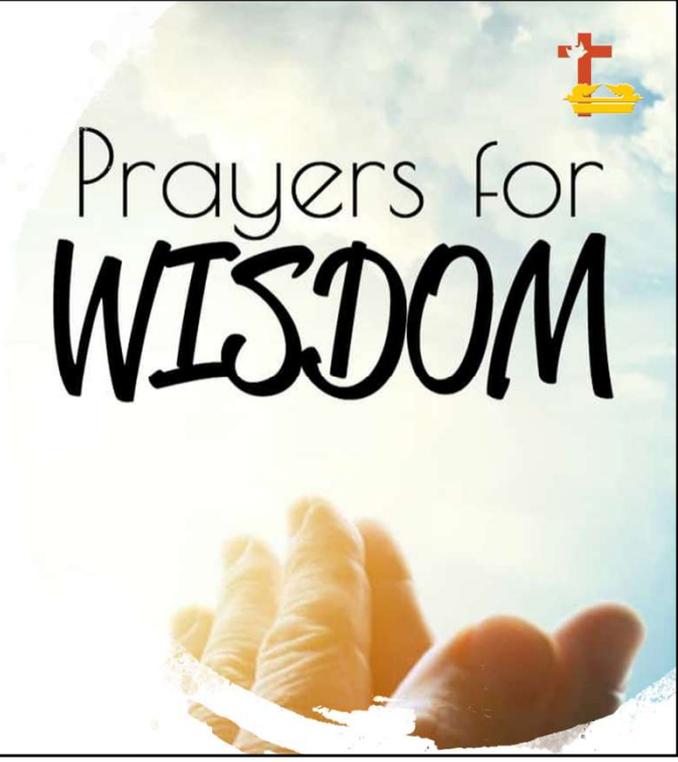
1. Our attitude toward the time: redeeming the time. Moses also prayed and asked for **a heart of wisdom**, so that he could number days *Ps.90:12*.
2. Our speech. We may not always have a situation that requires us to make a very important decision just like what happened with King Solomon. We also may not always have other people visit our house to see the wisdom of God just like Queen Sheba visited the Kingdom of Israel. But this is what always happens in our life, **we must speak!** And the true wisdom of God will become evident through our speech!
3. Filled with the Holy Spirit. This is the most powerful way to walk in wisdom because the Holy Spirit will remind us about what Jesus had told us to do *Jn.14:26*. Even one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is **wisdom** *1Cor.12:8*, **the word of wisdom**. Stephen, and together with another 6 deacons in the early church, were the other example of the men of God that were full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom *Ac.6:3* And the wisdom from the Holy Spirit also became evident in his speech *Ac.6:10*.

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

JAMES 1 ⁵ If any of you **lacks wisdom,**

let him **ask of God**, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

⁶ But let him **ask in faith**, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.



Prayers for
WISDOM

Conclusion: ask wisdom from God!



With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

For as often as
you eat this
bread and drink
this cup, you
proclaim the
Lord's death till
He comes.
1Cor.11:26



1CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

... The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, **“Take, eat; This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

John 15:4-5, 1Corinthians 11:23-25, 1Corinthians 10:16-17

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

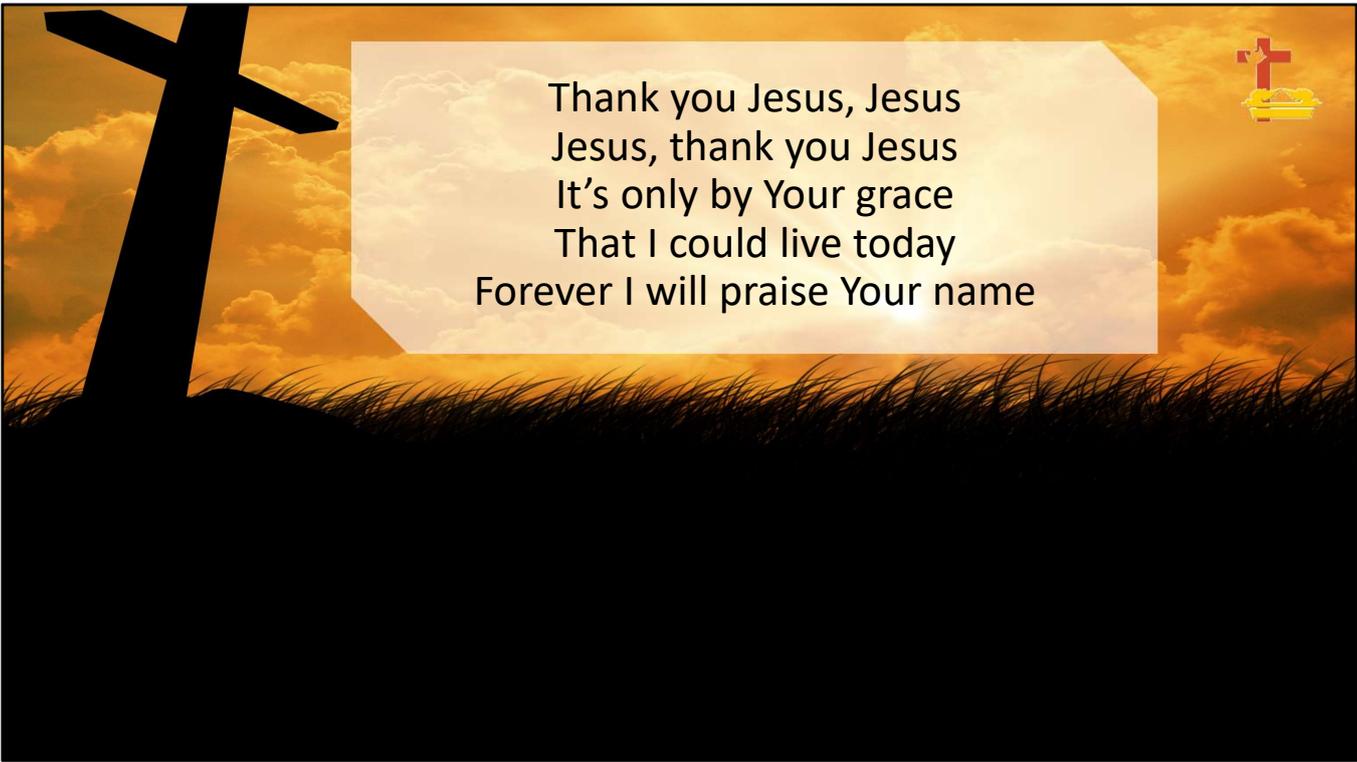
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For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?



Thank you Jesus, Jesus
Jesus, thank you Jesus
It's only by Your grace
That I could live today
Forever I will praise Your name





GOD BLESS YOU!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK WITH JESUS

See You Next Sunday!