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Biblical Wisdom Rooted in the Fear of The Lord (Part 2)

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"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" - Prov. 9:10

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Resources: Knowing God by: J.I Packer chapter 10 (pg. 99-103), Matthew Henry's commentary on Psalm 111:10 and Proverbs 9:10

Further Reading : The Fear of God by: John Bunyan; What Does it Mean to Fear the Lord by: Michael Reeves

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Transcript

Hello, For The King listeners. This is your host, Rocky, and I have who? His brother Bryce, not my brother. I got my brother here.

Do you have your brother here? My brother is here. Okay, cool. So we're doing a follow-up episode this week, this Sunday, about the Biblical wisdom that is rooted in the fear of the Lord.

So last week we had part one of our fear of the Lord / wisdom series that we're doing. And what we established last week that we just want to recall to your minds if it's been, you know, it's been a week since you guys have listened to it, maybe more. So we just want to do a real quick review of that.

So we established based on specifically Isaiah 8 13 that there's a fear of the Lord that is a mental state in the human of truly fearing God and dreading that we might displease him and have a warranted discipline on us as his children that is, you know, all this, and Hebrews it says all discipline is, it's uncomfortable, right? For those that are receiving it. It's hard for the one that is being disciplined. So we established that, that there is a true fear of God's discipline and divine displeasure towards us as his children.

Not hatred, not cutting off, but a divine displeasure that he might be displeased with our sin when he has saved us from our sin, right? We cannot use grace as a license to sin. Paul makes that clear in Romans. And the second thing we established is that the fear of the Lord is not only a mental state of dread and fear, reverence and all in the mind of us believers, but also a propositional piece of knowledge.

And by that, I mean something that can be written down, something that can be passed on, something that can be taught through words, logical phrases that you can grasp in the human mind. Not merely just a mental state that can't be, you can't really describe to somebody how you're fearing in the moment, right? It's a little bit more of an abstract comment, but the fear of the Lord is both abstract and concrete, something we can understand. So go back and listen to that last episode if you guys, that left you wanting that little preview right there of what we did last week.

But that is the foundation for this week. True fear of the Lord is what we hopefully expounded last week. So this week we're going to talking about biblical wisdom rooted in the fear of the Lord.

So some key texts for today is first of all, Proverbs, sorry, let me turn there real quick, Proverbs chapter nine verse 10. And I'm just going to read it real quick. Oh, sorry, I was looking at the wrong thing.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the holy one is in sight. So there it is. It literally does say that in the scriptures, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

And it also says that elsewhere. So Bryce can be Bryce has that pulled up. Right.

So in Psalm 111 verses 10, it says the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. All those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

So this is like you were talking about. It's a propositional knowledge that can be passed on. We got to recognize David wrote this right and what Rocky read from was by

Solomon his son.

So we definitely see right there the connection of how David taught his son these very words. Right. So it's something has been passed on and transferred to him.

And Psalm 34 11 that we looked at last week teach the fear of the Lord. Yeah. So yeah, thanks for saying that Bryce.

So I'll put this in the resources for in the notes section, but I use Matthew Henry's commentary a lot. I love this man. He is awesome.

You guys should definitely get his commentary or at least some of his books and in the comment section. He actually wrote a book called the fear of the Lord. It's a treatise on the fear of the Lord.

It is great guys. Please get it. I haven't read it, but I hope to read it at some point, but I'm suggesting because Doug Wilson talked about on his podcast.

Okay, but transfer. He transferred that exactly. So I want to read actually out of his commentary real quick because I thought it was awesome.

So this is what Matthew Henry and old Puritan has to say about Psalm 111 verse 10. Yeah, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. It is not only reasonable that we should fear God because his name is Reverend and his nature is holy, but it's advantageous to us.

So what I want you guys to take away from that is the fear of the Lord. We're going to talk about this a lot today. There's a part of it that makes you unwise and foolish that drives you away from God and then there's a right fear of the Lord that brings you to the Lord.

So it's not only just makes sense that we like fear God rightly because he is Reverend and his nature is holy, but it's advantageous to us, right? It's something that God is. It's a grace to us to fear God rightly. It's a gift to us because it's advantageous to us.

And why is that? It is wisdom. It will direct us to speak and act as becomes us in a consistency with ourselves and for our own benefit. It is the head of wisdom.

That is as we read it is the beginning of wisdom. Men can never begin to be wise till they begin to fear God. All true wisdom takes its rise from true religion and has its foundation in it.

So I just I really love this is a good axiomatic principle. You guys can take away write this down. Whatever.

I don't know how you interact with this podcast. But but put this in your mind at least

men can never begin to be wise till they begin to fear God. So that's something worth memorizing.

You will never ever be wise unless you fear God. You will never ever it is the beginning the root of all wisdom and that's all I'm going to read for Matthew Henry. I thought that was really great though.

You guys should pick up that commentary and just look at what he says about about wisdom. He was a very wise man. And that's also not to say that in God's common grace men can have an appearance of having wisdom.

But at the very core of it true right wisdom is always found in the fear of the Lord. Exactly. Yeah, exactly.

Okay, good. So let's let's move on now that all that's established those are the key text. Those are those are what we're working with this week.

There's one more key text. I want to read and this is going to be the last like big thing that's probably going to follow us the rest of this podcast. So we have the fear of the Lord that's rooted in biblical wisdom or sorry, biblical wisdom being rooted in the fear of the Lord.

So here is an example from Scripture. This is this is a foundational like phase one of humanity where we see a right fear of God and a wrong fear of God that leads to wrongly ordered living which is this is foolishness versus wisdom. That's what how to live rightly is based on wisdom versus foolishness.

So and you know, you guys know the story that the Satan the serpent which is Satan tempts Adam and Eve to sin to do something foolish and unwise against God after that happens. They immediately realize they're naked and they start to clothe themselves. Right.

This is this is still before God has now come to interact with them after their first sin and best basically being plunged into darkness. And this is this is what happens in verse 8 of chapter 3 of Genesis and they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, where are you? And he said, I heard the sound of you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked and I hid myself.

So there is a wrong fear of God being portrayed here and we've said this a million times. There's a there's a wrong figure that drives you away from God. The fear that first John gets rid of there's no fear of judgment there.

There is a fear of judgment that would draw you to go away from God rather than to his

presence and then there's a right fear which Adam and Eve were exercising before that and God was teaching them right fear before that building them up. To do what is right not was wrong to tend the garden to love each other to love God to worship him and Satan came in and flipped that on its head that biblical wisdom that God was teaching them which was rooted in the right fear of God. I'm sure they didn't interact with God flippantly.

They were walking with him in the garden, but they understood he was above and he was the creator of all things and they had a right fear of him which was leading to right living. They were at the beginning. They were living correctly.

They were loving God. They were not eating of the certain tree. That was the one rule and Satan comes and tempts them.

Into basically wrong fear. So what did Satan remove from them when he did that? It wasn't just implanting knowledge of what they could do because they knew the whole time they could. Right.

They could have eaten the fruit. They knew that the whole time what Satan did was basically flipped the fear of God into a fear that drove them away and it manifested itself in unwise actions by Eve and then by Adam right because they no longer feared God. They there was no more foundation.

No more root for true wisdom and right fear of God and it drove them away from God. And it's interesting too with that. You see just as wisdom can be taught, Satan taught Adam and Eve foolishness.

Uh-huh. Yes. Telling them did God really say so here's the wise words that the Lord is teaching to them and proper fear them at the same time.

Satan comes in he reverses that and gives them a false teaching of pure folly and says did God really say. Yeah. So in another way when you read Psalm 34 11 when it says come let us let me teach you the fear of the Lord Satan said come let me teach you the foolishness of me.

Yeah. And that's why we see all throughout the book of Proverbs. There's an embodiment of both wisdom and Lady Folly Lady wisdom Lady Folly and they're calling out the streets.

Both of them do very similar things. But at the end of the day one leads to death and a wrong fear of God that drives you away from him and one leads to truth that's rooted in the true fear of God leads you to go away or leads you to him and that is why it's living. Okay good.

So that those are those are the texts we're working with. So the beginning of wisdom like

we've been this whole the whole point of this second part two of fearing God is that it is the beginning of wisdom. Right.

And that's what we're getting at. So we see that there was a right fear and a wrong fear in Genesis chapter 3 which was it was that was the beginning of it Satan's implantation of sin and foolish living. And then we see that this follows all throughout Scripture and we're going to take you guys on a journey through Scripture about how this is this is manifested all throughout human history right fear versus wrong fear.

So here's a right fear Deuteronomy 6 13 you shall fear only the Lord your God and you shall worship him and swear by his name. Here's a right fear all of the beginning of Genesis up until they sin right. Here's a wrong fear 1 Samuel 15 24 then Saul said to Samuel I have sinned I have a D transgressed the command of the Lord and your words because I feared the people and listen to their voice and I want to note there.

It does literally say he feared the people but but why was he fearing people because he didn't fear God rightly. There was something wrong internally there that led him away from God and led him to fear the people right right because remember what we established last podcast fearing something is what you know I you idolize it you worship in a sense and he feared the people instead. And rocky it's kind of interesting there too how I said he listened to the voice so you see the aspect of it's in a sense that people taught him like hey I'll go do this and salsa against God by fearing them rather than himself.

It also says that in Genesis 3 that Adam listened to the voice of his wife he listened to Lady Folly you let them listen to the people they listen to Satan list don't listen to evil don't lend your ear to that keep your ear from that and what what is a preventative measure to keep you away from foolish living is having a right fear of God if you always fear God you will never do something unwise the moments when we do something that is evil unwise something foolish it's because we weren't fearing God in that moment. Right and that's why the Isaiah text talks about Jesus fearing the Lord because he properly feared the Lord all times yeah he came in the spirit of the fear of the Lord right yeah we brought that up last night that was Isaiah 8 yeah. Yeah that's an awesome those verses were awesome last week so which type of fear we talking about from last episode both this is the answer both both a mental state of fear all and reverence and dread in the human heart.

But also a fear of the Lord that can be taught which is wisdom okay wisdom is something that's taught that's imparted it that's why the fear of the Lord wisdom are so intimately connected because you can teach the fear of the Lord this kind of mental state but then also why you ought to fear the Lord what is what is the fear of the Lord and it comes through. Being taught who God is right his nature and who he is which is seen in his law the law is just a standard that represents God's holiness imperfection right it's like an

expression of how to properly fear him yeah I doing the by doing this yeah right and that's why in Exodus right after he gives the law and all this stuff like that's why this right it was literally right in Exodus 20 20 he says fear the Lord this is a test that you would show your fear of the Lord by doing these things right. That's why they're so intimately connected guys that's why fear of the Lord and wisdom fear of the Lord is the root of wisdom okay.

So now what is wisdom so we want to wrap up consider that a wrapping up of explicitly talk about the fear of the Lord and how it leads to wisdom so now we want to start establishing what wisdom is that has been rooted in the fear of the Lord that we've already established so. Wisdom is the knowledge of good and bad it's knowing what is good and bad okay to deal wisely to do what is right and not what is wrong so in job. Do you want to do some of these.

Sure I mean you can do it okay so well yeah you put these down so I just didn't know if you wanted to go through it so in job one one it says there was a man in the land of ooze whose name was job and the man was blameless upright. Fearing God and turning away from evil right this is wisdom he's a wise man right he turns away from evil and he does what is right he does what is upright and not what is wrong. Wisdom is the knowledge of what is good and evil again guys this is I'm gonna keep saying this is the knowledge of good and evil good and bad however you want to look at it doing either what God has established or doing what Satan has established which is basically anything contrary to God right so Genesis 20 verse 11 Abraham said.

Because I thought surely there's no fear of God this place and they will kill me because of my wife so Abraham goes to a building like and he lies. To a building like and lies about his wife being his wife and says she's my sister because she was beautiful and I thought they might want her and kill him so they can get her if he said she's my wife right. And he had assumed there was no fear of God in this place because remember it's also taught.

It's about you have to be acquainted with God to fear him right right you don't you can't fear that which you don't know so he he knew he knew God but he didn't know if anybody else knew Yahweh right so he he imagined there would be a fear of God this place that would lead to upright wise living basically him not being murdered for his wife and he assumed that and that actually got him in trouble that was actually unwise of Abraham right. The way he acted out that he had a certain sort of a wise understanding that they themselves didn't feel the Lord and because he saw that he then led on to do a completely improper thing. So he showed that in one instance he had the capacity to see that they did not fear the Lord so that was that was a good observation.

It was discernment and then he leads straight on to saying therefore and that's when he messes up because he applies wisdom and properly. Yeah, he didn't fear the Lord. He

feared them.

Yeah, he feared them. He's like they might kill me. Yeah, if I save my skin, let me save my own neck.

Right. He turned into a cow. Okay, that's a really good point.

So that's why I said it. Yeah, you only make good points. I realize that but yeah, that's that's that's good.

He feared people again just like Saul and if you're ever feeling fearing people, that's why Jesus says don't fear man in Luke. I think a 12 for I forget which one somewhere Luke I put it in the show notes last time, but that's why Jesus says don't fear the one who can just kill the body for the one who can kill both body and soul. So whenever you're fearing humans, it's because you're not fearing God.

Okay. Okay, Proverbs 8 12 and 13 a I wisdom dwell with prudence and I find knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.

Wise living is doing what is right, right and not what is evil not what is bad. Yeah. So if you don't have the fear of the Lord rooting you into rooting you into wise living, then you will be doing unwise things.

The fear of the Lord is the hatred of evil. Yes. Oh, sorry.

I know you go for it. So one parallel passage that too is in Romans Romans. Sorry, right.

We in rock. You just did something funny that you guys can't see. Can't see it.

So in Romans 12 verse 9 says let love be genuine a poor what is evil. So we even see this being applied in the New Testament teachings as well. Yeah.

Yeah. It's hating it 100% hating something is not necessarily bad. Exactly to be done properly.

That is a big thing that people don't understand in our culture nowadays is that just because a constraint on love is that you hate that which disrupts love. Right. If something is keeping you from loving someone the way you know you ought to love them based on scripture not based on your own opinion based on what how God tells us to love others by sacrificing herself telling them what is right telling them the gospel all the stuff.

Some people view that as hate. Right. And we just need to get that out of our head that people might view it as hate and they might think we're hating them.

But it's good to hate that which disrupts love true love and it's odd enough Rocky shared

the gospel with me for three years and I hated him the whole time for it. Yeah. And that just goes to show my brother truly love me and after the matter of the fact I recognize that even though I thought he hated me.

Yeah. And I hated him. He actually loved me.

Yep. The Lord had other plans. That's right.

Yeah. Praise God. And yeah.

Wait, why are we bringing that up? Oh, yeah. Yeah, because the hate the hatred of evil is a good thing. Right.

And that the hatred of evil is rooted in the fear of the Lord. Right. Being a man or woman that knows how to rightly hate something that is wisdom that is that is a part of being wise knowing how to rightly hate that which is evil being able to discern what is evil.

Right. That's a wise thing. So Proverbs.

Oh, wait. Sorry. So foolishness is reversing the knowing of good and evil and calling evil good and good evil.

Right. So now we're going to walk into what folly is and what foolishness is and fearing God rightly that drives you away from him and not into a close intimate relationship with him. So Proverbs 3 7 be not wise in your own eyes fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

So what does that imply? Yeah, so that really pretty much implies that when you're wise in your own eyes, you reverse what God has commanded of you and you say actually I'm right. Yeah, and you're not I know you've commanded this of me, but you know, that doesn't really look too well. So I'm going to go this way.

Yeah, that's exactly what you see all throughout the book of Judges is that it continuously says they had no King in the land and they did everyone did what was right in their own eyes. It's pure anarchy whenever you see wisdom being done in your eyes. Yep.

Yeah, and then we'll look at another text in Proverbs 12 15 that says the way of the fool is right in his own eyes. So I'm trying to draw connect a link between that is the foolish person. He does what's wise in his own eyes and they do.

So he reverses that right. So we're hitting on this reversal and Proverbs 15 5 says a fool despises his father's instruction. So what I read to you guys at the very beginning and saw on 111 verse 10 Solomon got that from his dad and Solomon wrote Proverbs.

So he's saying I do not despise my dad's words. He told me and taught me how to fear the Lord. So a fool despises the commandments of God.

They hate his precepts and they want to do nothing but do what is right in their own eyes and even in the midst of their folly in the midst of their sin Proverbs 10 23 says and doing wrong. It is like a joke to the fool. Right.

So they laugh at it. They mock the person who does evil and they just laugh at their own folly. Right.

So we see this pure reversal and I can even imagine Satan laughing to himself by tempting out of an even than falling to something like that. Yeah, he's just there so knocking them. Yeah, right.

This is God's great creation. The one God loves and they just fell to that. Yeah.

Yeah, but God had a plan. That's right. And we went over that the propitiation and atonement that before the foundation of the world Jesus was the lamb slain.

It's God had a wonderful plan. So that means you guys got to keep listening to what came before. Exactly.

Yeah, I got to go back. If you ever heard that episode go back and check it out. Right.

And then also at the beginning of 1 Corinthians it talks about Jesus is the wisdom of God. That's right. And he was before the foundation of the world.

Jesus was the plan. That was the wisdom that God was wanting. Basically, he was going to give us that eventually and to teach us that.

That's a really good point. Yeah. And then again guys Proverbs 8 13 the fear of the Lord is the hatred of evil.

That's something worth memorizing. I've memorized that verse the you know, whatever you're tempted to send remember. Am I fearing God? The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.

And if you don't do it, you're not going to be a wise person ever. You'll never be a wise person if you don't fear God rightly. So we've hit home a lot on wisdom foolishness.

Foolishness is the reversal of wisdom. Fools know what is so think of it like this. Fools technically know what is right and wrong.

But what they think is right is actually wrong. And the thing that is the opposite of what they're wanting to do what they think feels good for themselves or whatever is actually what is wrong in the first place and they've reversed it. So they actually do they are in a way wise except they do the unwise thing right and the thing that is wise.

They're not doing it's not heavenly wisdom. It's not heavenly. Exactly.

So in Ezekiel 28 12 this text is many scholars and many biblical scholars pretty content that this is talking about Satan's fall from heaven. Okay, so this is what it says Son of man raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre. The king of Tyre is portrayed as a cherubim in the garden and then like a perfect not merely just a man.

I think this is kind of poetic talking about saying yeah, I was trying to parallel parallel the king of Tyre. Sorry, that's about always say Satan himself. Yeah, and then this is what he says and say to him thus says the Lord God you were the signet of perfection full of wisdom and perfect and beauty.

So Satan was full of wisdom very wise wiser than probably any created being there was he probably was the wisest and God. Being the source of wisdom Satan probably had an immense amount of wisdom. Now, what did he do? He flipped it on its head and something happened in Satan where there was an internal pride and he wanted to be like God because that was that was what he tempted.

He basically did Genesis 3 he was tempted to be like God you get to know all this stuff to all this wisdom. Satan already knew and he knew that it led to death right and he flipped wisdom. So one thing that people don't understand is that Satan is wise Satan is a very wise being he's more cutting than you or I ever will be.

He's very wise except he's also a deaf fool right at the same time and he doesn't he he knows he's lost. He's wise enough to realize that but he's trying anything he can to do to win and that's why he plunged the world into darkness by tempting Adam and Eve to sin. Anything to add to that? No, I think it was pretty solid.

Okay, so then in James 2 verse 19 we read you believe that God is one you do well even the demons believe in shutter. So again, maybe we can do an episode about this some other time. But first of all, just believing that God is real does not save anybody.

The demons believe and they're not saved. There's no chance for repentance for them and to shutter or to me that denotes that they're afraid right. They're afraid of God.

The demons are shuttering. They're afraid. There's a wrong fear.

Obviously the fear that demons have that James is talking about does not lead them to God. Demons hate God. The host of Satan is hate.

The host of Satan is hate. They be hating on God and there's a wrong fear that draws them to hate the Lord not not to a close communion with with God like the fear of the Lord that Jesus came with from Isaiah 8. Yeah. So that's that's a good text that talks about that too.

So hopefully we're really driving home that point for you guys. Well, hop on to that. Sure.

Funny one more text in the New Testament when the Satan the devil says he that we are legion. We are many within that one person and when they come in contact with Jesus, they say send us out into the pigs. They're scared.

So they were terrified. Judge that that terror did not draw them to Christ. It drew them completely the opposite direction.

They take us out of here. Let us go into the swine. Yeah, let's get out.

Like let us leave your presence. We can't stand it. We hate it.

Is judgment ready? Are you here to judge us Jesus of Nazareth? Yeah, they do say that all the time. Are you going to send us into Hades or whatever? Are you here to judge us? Because remember guys that wrong fear is a fear of judgment. Right.

The pagans have every right to be afraid of God. Right. Indeed they should be.

They should be because they are going they're on a very quick highway to hell right now. But for us Christians, there's no perfect love cast out for your there's no fear of judgments. Right.

That's not an arrogant claim. It's because we simply have been saved by the King and that's great for the King. With a King right saved by the King for the King, right? Yep.

Amen. So then last question guys, that's going to lead us into next week. We'll have a part three to this.

How exciting who is wise? That's the question who is wise? Where does it come from? If it's something that's taught that's passed down if it's a some kind of weird abstract. Concept like us being fearful of God in our minds, you know, but that's not that's not wisdom. That's not something that can be taught.

Wisdom is something that can be taught you wisdom is unlike the fear of the Lord. There is no mental state of wisdom. It's only knowing what is right and knowing what is wrong and doing what is right applied wisdom.

Fear of the Lord is kind of the driver that makes you because it's the root. Wisdom is something that's just purely taught. It's not a it's not an abstract concept like just fearing or having a state of fear of something being a being afraid of something.

Wisdom is something that's taught right purely. Yeah, and you probably meaning it more like it's not that emotional type mental state. Yes, that's what I mean.

It's more of the like it's still a mental state in a sense, but it's more of just a pure taught. It's propositional knowledge. I guess it's what I'm getting at.

It's not an emotional mental state like like a fear like being afraid of something would be. Yeah, that's a good way to say it. The fear of the Lord that mental state and the fear of the Lord that's taught is what drives you to kind of like once you've learned wisdom, what is right? What is wrong? It drives you to make that right decision rather than that wrong decision, which is why the people that are fools that think themselves wise in their own eyes, they don't do what is right even though they know what is right because they have no fear of God.

That's why it's the root. That's that's the whole point of this episode. That's why it's the root because fear of the Lord is what enables one to act on the wisdom they've learned.

Right. Does that make sense? So who is wise? God is the source of all wisdom. Wisdom again, guys upright living having reality right side up rather than flipping it like the fool or ultimately like Satan.

He's the king of flipping it. I can't believe you just started passing me say that and letting go. If you wouldn't laugh, I would have just kept going.

I wasn't prepared to be a bumper state. I wasn't prepared to laugh. King of flipping it.

He's the king of just flipping it. So then Proverbs 2 verses 6 and 7a for the Lord gives wisdom from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright for the upright for the upright, right? He gives it to those people who are pursuing wisdom in the fear of the Lord.

But not those who are foolish and continuing to babble on about things that don't matter. They're not even seeking the Lord. Yeah, right.

So the Lord is the one who gives wisdom to people. He stores it up for the upright. Exactly.

And it's taught for us. It's for those that are wise which is rooted in the fear of the Lord. And by the way guys just to I just randomly thought of this but all this is an act of the Holy Spirit.

You cannot arrive here on your own. Okay, even though we're saying this is propositional knowledge. Remember the fear of the Lord.

Again, it's something that's taught. It's something in your mind, but you will never actually understand it apart from the divine quickening of the spirit of God's Holy Spirit coming to you and making you alive and opening the eyes of the blind. That's why we get all these parables of Jesus opening the eyes of the blind because the Pharisees knew the law.

They were the teachers of the law. They technically feared God, but they had no

assurance of you know, they were legalists. They thought they were saved by their works, which is why they were in wrong fear of God.

They were not clinging to God's grace. They were fearing God for judgment, which is why they thought they were saved by their works. Right.

So the Pharisees knew all this stuff, but they had not the Holy Spirit to open their eyes to the truth of the Gospel. And the Gospel has been here since Genesis 3. Right. Like the Gospel is remember this lamb slain before the foundation of the world.

Right. This has been the plan. The Gospel was here long ago.

Right. It's just enough. It's fully realized in Christ.

The work, death, burial, resurrection of Christ. Right. So for you guys listening, those of you who know Christ and know Jesus pursue Him and learning that.

Yeah. Just like Rocky's saying, it's the work of the Spirit. So pursue the Spirit, not through some emotionalism where you're just feeling them.

Right. Yeah. Seek Him where He can be found.

That's in His word. Yeah. And for those of you who may not know Christ and may not believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior, this is not negating to you.

You guys can also come and sit before His feet and learn from Him. If you knock, He will be found. So seek Him where He's found and where He's found is not through Rocky or I. Let's do His word.

Exactly. Yeah. These are just all principles we get from Scripture that God's given us.

From His mouth come knowledge and understanding. These are all things from God's mouth, which God doesn't have like a literal body where He does a mouth. It's a figure of speech.

It comes. He's the source of it. That's what you should gather from that.

Yeah. The originator. It's kind of cool how it's you see it went from God to Adam and Eve then to their offspring and their offspring as we were tracking that one seed from Genesis 3 15 and then it gets to David.

David teaches it to Solomon and they're writing these words for our account and now it's come down to us. Wisdom. Yeah, it's crazy.

That far, which is kind of beautiful. It's crazy. It's the only force for good in the world.

It's God's wisdom doing what is right now what is wrong. We need more wise men and

women running around town wiggling their toes and because you know, they got saved by Jesus. Okay, so Satan is also wise but he's flipped wisdom.

Remember that he's flipped it calling evil good and good evil and because of this there is no fear of the Lord and Satan, but we know that demons believe in shatter and that's a big teaching. I think to connect all this. So hopefully we've taken you on a journey throughout the Scriptures and we want to end up now in the New Testament.

James Jesus's brother has something cool to say about well, first of all, if you want to read about wisdom in the New Testament you go to James or you can go and learn about in 1 Corinthians. It talks about think chapter 2 in 1 Corinthians talks about Jesus is the wisdom of God. So if you want wisdom there are places for it.

It James has a cool statement for us to kind of finish up once again. Read that rice. Yeah, this sums it up really well.

This is from James chapter 3 verses 13 through 18 and it says this who is wise and understanding among you by his good conduct. Let him show his works and the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and self-admission in your hearts do not boast and be false to the truth.

This is not the wisdom that comes from down from above but is earthly unspiritual demonic for jealousy and self-admission exists. There will be disorder in every vile practice but the wisdom from above is first pure then peaceable gentle open to reason full of mercy and good fruits and partial and sincere in a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. And this sums it up really well.

That's literally everything we've been talking about. We see the reversal of it's something that is from above that we get from God not from down below not from the earth. The earth is we are the ones who twist it.

We're the ones who reverse it from unspiritual and demonic forces and we receive it from the Lord as we fear him properly we get wisdom from him. Amen. Comes from him.

So I think that's a final statement for the king from the king right for the king from the king. Amen. I like that.

That's maybe we should start saying that maybe we can do another singing thing get a bunch of guys together and do another men's choir. Right. Sounds really good.

Thank you so much. Okay, so let's see. Thanks so much for listening guys.

We really appreciate all the support again really just overwhelmed with joy with the support. Bryce and I are really hoping that these Sunday ones really bless you guys that you guys become more acquainted with the scriptures because it the podcast is actually

making us do the same thing obviously because we have to study all this and learn about all this beforehand. So I encourage you guys to get the resources I put in there.

I know I said that I want to do the wonky Wednesday in the meeting for monologues like every week initially. That's a lot of content and I just wanted to let you guys know that the wonky Wednesday's and the meaningful monologues probably won't be every week but the Sunday ones that Bryce and I do will be every week and we hope that you guys really enjoy that. It's kind of like I envision this one the Sunday series as more of the the backbone the kind of cornerstone of the podcast and then the wonky Wednesday's and meaningful monologues is kind of peripheral kind of engaging with the culture stuff rather than just just biblical text.

Analysis and knowing Jesus more and falling more in love with Jesus. It's kind of ironic the one that's the backbone is the one that has me in it. I know I wonder how that happened.

Yeah, I'm wise my that's why I probably bring him up to the table. I wonder if I asked somebody else to come on if it'd be as good. No Bryce.

I love I bet you guys really like Bryce. I love my brother so much. He kind of got the show a little bit of his testimony a little like a little bit earlier, but Bryce and I were not always Christians.

We did not always talk like this. We did not sound like this at all. But God has like completely opened up our eyes and ears that we would rightly fear God and be wise young men and we still do a lot of really foolish things, but we're growing in wisdom trying to be more like Jesus.

Learning things like for this podcast for your scripts on our own, even if we did this podcast would be learning all these same things, but we just thought it'd be nice to engage with the culture and have a voice. I think those are some of my my final comments. This is actually the first one I filmed guys with this new microphone.

So I hope it sounds really good and you guys could hear us really well. Yeah, I can hear you great. Yeah.

Cool. You want to bring up the next episode? Oh, yeah, that's what I was gonna say. Yeah, so so look forward to so we kind of ended on the source of wisdom.

God is the source of wisdom where places in Scripture. You can go to find wisdom literature things that teach you about wisdom Jesus being wisdom. So next week we're going to do a part three.

We started off with the fear of the Lord. Half of this episode was kind of the fear of the Lord being rooted for biblical wisdom. We kind of ended on Satan flipping that wisdom

what wisdom looks like and where it comes from next week.

We're going to do a part three and you guys will hopefully be really blessed by that on where you can find wisdom. So that will probably be the most applicable one. Probably of all the all the three.

I mean all I hope all three are really helpful to you guys. But that third one is going to be us really honing in on where can you find wisdom at? Yeah, where is it to be found if it's calling out in Proverbs? We see Lady Wisdom and Lady folly calling out, you know, and maybe you're thinking I don't really hear her. Like I don't know where to look.

I don't really hear her. I know I'm Jesus is the Lord and I know that he's the truth. But I'm having trouble connecting with that or you know something along those lines.

We're going to hit that next week. Right. We'll be like hawks.

We'll be like what? Because they got crazy eyesight. We're honing in. Yikes.

We're honing in like that. No, I can see the analogy. I might not have used it.

We'll be like hawks coming in on the board of death. There's a problem that says even a fool is considered wise when he closes his mouth. So maybe I should have just kept it close.

No, I like that. It was pretty random. I think that's it.

Thanks for listening guys. This was part two of our fearing the Lord's last biblical wisdom series. This is your host Rocky and this is my brother Bryce with the Sunday series.

We hope this blesses you guys. May Jesus always be exalted. Love you all.

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