

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Deeper Wisdom May 2, 2023 Suzi Armstrong

Holy Spirit woke me up in the night and said get deeper wisdom – that the wisdom of God was going to be important for the month of May. Immediately I remembered that it was May 1st and a fresh reading of the Book of Proverbs started in the morning.

Holy Spirit continued to speak about going deeper in wisdom. Wisdom's door is open, as in Revelation 4, when the Spirit of God said to John, come up here, the door is open, and I want to show you some things.

- Seek wisdom. Jesus said seek and you will find, ask and it will be given, knock and it will be opened.
- Embrace wisdom. Engage wisdom, lay hold of deeper wisdom and understanding. Be filled with a new measure of wisdom.
- See and hear wisdom. See the practicality of wisdom as wisdom gives you new solutions, new blueprints. Hear the voice of wisdom speaking to you in your heart.
- A deeper reverence and the fear of the Lord comes with deeper wisdom. You will know God and His ways in a new way.

Wisdom, especially spiritual wisdom, is not just about knowing what's good for you, but it is about applying that knowledge in your everyday life. How absolutely vital it is for us to understand and to **experience** the prayer of Paul: "The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him" (Ephesians 1.17).

The Holy Spirit is the source of all wisdom and revelation about the character of God. The Holy Spirit isn't there just to give you head knowledge, but to flood your heart with the knowledge of God so that you can know him better. There is a door open to access wisdom and receive wisdom this month. Open your heart and receive. The Lord wants to give us more spiritual understanding. 1 Corinthians 2 says, we do not speak the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

The Book of Proverbs was mostly written by King Solomon who was known as the wisest king that ever ruled. Leaders of other nations came to see Solomon moving with wisdom. The Queen of Sheba came to test King Solomon with difficult questions and the wisdom of God flowed from King Solomon, demonstrating deep wisdom from God alone.

What Proverbs 1 says about wisdom:

- v1 – Wisdom is given. It is a gift of God. It is provision to reign and succeed in life.
- v2 – God is revealing wisdom. Wisdom will give you keys to unlock true knowledge.
- v3 – Cling to wisdom and don't let go. Receive the discipline, the boundaries, and the expansion of new understanding that comes with increased wisdom. Wisdom can be demonstrated in every relationship.
- v4 – Wisdom will give you skill. Wisdom will give you understanding of your destiny and design – how you were put together.
- v5 – Through wisdom you will acquire brilliant strategies for leadership. That means you will get Holy Spirit downloads.
- v6 – Understanding will break open.

v7 – True wisdom comes as you live in obedient devotion to the Lord. You pass from darkness or lack of understanding into wisdom's light.
v8-10 – Pay close attention to the wise words of those who speak into your life.
v11-19 – Reject all that is unrighteous.
v20-23 – Wisdom will warn you. Wisdom releases courage. Stop and listen to wisdom. Wisdom will define what is really going on. God is ready to pour out His Spirit of wisdom in you.
v24-32 – Wisdom will save you from calamity and disaster. Listen to wisdom now so you can navigate what is ahead. Receive wisdom when it comes to you. Wisdom will correct your course. Do not let pride stand in the way of wisdom.
v33 – Listen to wisdom and live in peace. Live free from fear, confident, full of courage, unafraid, and sheltered from the storms of life.

Proverbs 2.6 CEV

⁶ **All wisdom comes from the LORD,
and so do common sense and understanding.**

James 1.5, 3.13, 17 NASB

⁵ But **if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously** and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

¹³ Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the **gentleness of wisdom.**

¹⁷ But the **wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.**

1 Kings 10.24 NASB

²⁴ **And all the earth was seeking the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart.**

Proverbs 4.4-6 NASB

⁴ Then he taught me and said to me,

"Let your heart hold fast my words;

Keep my commandments and live;

⁵ **Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding!**

Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

⁶ **"Do not forsake her, and she will guard you;**

Love her, and she will watch over you."

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

Father God, we acknowledge that all wisdom comes from You. In the Name of Jesus, we humble ourselves under Your hand, yielding our mind and our thoughts and attitudes, leaning not on our own understanding. We ask for deeper wisdom for ourselves individually and for the body of Christ in Detroit and in Michigan. Open the eyes of our heart that we might see what You want us to see. That we might abound more and more in wisdom, knowledge, and depth of insight so that we may be able to discern rightly and release wisdom by Your Spirit as priests and kings, into our communities and spheres of influence.

We decree, **let the knowledge of Your glory cover Detroit and Michigan as the waters cover the sea.**