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The Gifts of Wisdom

JUNIOR LESSON

Study Scripture – Proverbs 8:8-14,17-21

Background Scripture – Proverbs 8

Key Verse:

“Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.”

Proverbs 8:10-11

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever had to wait and longed for your birthday gift? Some people like to receive gifts and they look forward to getting them. They love when Mom and Dad give them gifts or when Aunts and Uncles give them gifts. They love especially when their grandmother and grandfather remember them and give them gifts, especially when it's a gift of money. That might be the best kind of gift because then you can buy what you want with the money rather than somebody else making the choice of what is best for you.

Sometime a gift made or built by a friend has more meaning to you than a gift bought in a store.

But our Lesson today reminds us that there are material or physical gifts, but there are also spiritual gifts. These spiritual gifts really come from God and are more lasting and are a better value than the material gifts that we get made from things in the world for those materials generally wear out and lose their value after a while. These gifts from God will make our life in this world much better. That is why God gives them to us.

Some gifts are very nice but after a while you lose interest in them and you throw them down in a corner and forget about them. Something those gifts you get when you are five or six years old might be nice then but when you get to age 12 or 13 you might not have any great regard for those gifts you got when you were young.

The most important thing to remember is that a gift is something that is given willingly to you and you did not make a payment for it. It is at present.

But we are now taught that **wisdom** is in a special category. These gifts are brought by what Scripture calls **Lady Wisdom**. She is special for she stands and cries out in the market, on the

streets, at the entrance to the cities, at the gates of the Churches or Temples, in fact she is going everywhere the roads meet and everywhere that people gather or travel through. She offers magnificent gifts and we had better take notice and accept them if we want a good life.

She is everywhere. Every human being therefore has heard the calls and the **cries of Wisdom**. It is impossible to miss hearing **Wisdom's call**. You will hear it but you can ignore the call if you so wish.

Lady Wisdom is like a mother who will never let her child down and will follow up the child so that they will have a great life. She behaves that way because what she is offering is so extremely important. She does not stay at home but is out on the street making sure that she meets whatever needs people have. Some of the gifts she offers are as follows:

- The ability to become smart or shrewd, able to judge things wisely and make the right decisions.
- The ability to reject simplemindedness and foolishness.
- The ability to know how to behave like a prince or a King or Queen.
- The ability to see and understand wickedness, the crooked and perverse things that God regards as an abomination. An abomination is something that is terribly bad, vicious, vile, destructive.

The ability to possess the knowledge so that you can get really wealthy possessing the things which are more valuable than silver, fine gold, or rubies, a valuable and precious gem.

All of these **gifts** will last forever and will never wear out or become uninteresting. They will always be regarded as valuable and their value will increase as the days go by.

Remember that these are not gifts that you can work for and claim that it was your ability that brought them to you. They are given to you. The only one that really possesses these now is God, the Lord God Almighty, the God who has a covenant with you. So because He loves you He has offered the **Gifts of Wisdom** and given you these gifts. So do not miss taking them from Him.

Lady wisdom is handing out these great gifts to you to make sure that you do what is sensible and what is right. She does not want you to be foolish and to fall into traps laid by the wicked people of the earth who like to tell you that some things are good when in fact they are not good for you.

Wisdom is so important that it should be the guide for every single person. It is essential for living a moral life and a righteous life. It will give you everything that is necessary for you to succeed in life. It is the key to success and it will bring both material goods as well as benefits that are not material.

Lady wisdom is so interested in you. She goes to places where you cannot avoid seeing her and hearing her. She will come looking for you. She does not wait for you to look for her. She speaks



true things and right things and following her will make you have solid judgment, practical skills, and hard-headed, and clever in the things that you do. She has recorded these words of Wisdom in the Bible.

These excellent gifts are worth more than gold and silver. They are much better than natural abilities. God gives them to you because He is kind and merciful and He loves human beings. These excellent gifts are in Him. We call these gifts things that are parts of God's virtues and all of these things which belong to God are beautiful and excellent.

So they will last forever and will bring a lot of blessings to you.

Lady Wisdom is quite open and honest in what she offers. God therefore need that all men follow her ways, the ways of righteousness and peace, for this is the way that leads to eternal life.

It will be unfortunate if you do not accept the invitation of the living God for if you don't you will never find the secret to successful living. When you look around you, you will see many people who chase after the things the world offers, and then they begin to cry when life works out badly for them. Some squander the money they have saved. Some make bad investment decisions. Some do not go to school and get a good career. Some go to jail, some get sick, some become poor, and some lose the respect of other people. But it does not have to be like that.

We are told why this is so important and we read:

“For he who finds me finds life, and obtains favour from the Lord”.

We are also encouraged by these words in the Bible:

“Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my doorposts”.

