

THE EYE OF THE STORM #4 A WORD ABOUT WISDOM

Read Proverbs 3:1-20

1. What does this chapter say about:
 - a. the value of wisdom?
 - b. the characteristics of a wise person?
 - c. the results of a wise life?

Look back at Job 1:1-5

2. In what ways was Job portrayed as the perfect example of a wise man?

Read Job 28

3. From verses 1-11
 - a. What things of value are these verses about?
 - b. Where can they be found?
 - c. In what ways are man's achievements impressive?
4. From verses 12-28
 - a. What thing of value is now being discussed? How does it compare with the precious things discussed in the earlier verses?
 - b. Where can it be found (v.28)?

c. What does it mean to “fear” the Lord?

5. According to 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, what is God’s wisdom? How is this different from what the Jews and Greeks expect or desire?

6. According to Colossians 2:2-4, where is wisdom and knowledge found?

7. Compare Proverbs 3:19-20 with Colossians 1:15-20. What parallels are there between Jesus Christ and wisdom?

IMPLICATIONS

1. In 1 Corinthians 1, Paul refers to Jesus as folly to the Greeks and a stumbling block to the Jews. What does he mean by that? In what ways is Jesus still folly and a stumbling block to people

2. If Jesus is the wisdom of God and knowing Jesus is so wonderful, why is it that we often feel the need for more in our lives?

3. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account” (Matt. 5:11)? Why do Jesus’ words make sense given what we have discovered in this chapter about wisdom, suffering and knowing God?