**True Intelligence**

Many people think of themselves as intelligent because they have been to college, or are “called smart” if they have wealth, power, fame or authority in this world. Yet, true wisdom and understanding is having a blameless life. By obeying our Maker, the Heavenly Father, we sin less, and do not provoke Him to anger in this life, nor a harsher judgment after death: **Ecclesiastes 12:7, IICorinthians 5:10-11**. Moreover, a wise man will beware of sinning against others: **Matthew 22:36-40**. NO ONE was MORE INTELLIGENT than Christ. Then, the apostles, the prophets and true servants. Let’s see why:

**Jeremiah 9:23 Thus saith the LORD, LET NOT the wise man glory in his wisdom, NEITHER LET the mighty man glory in his might, LET NOT the rich man glory in his riches:**

**:24 But let him THAT GLORIETH glory in this, that he UNDERSTANDETH and KNOWETH ME, that I am the LORD which exercise LOVINGKINDNESS, JUDGMENT, and righteousness, IN THE EARTH: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.**

**Ecclesiastes 9:4 For to him that is joined to all THE LIVING there is hope: for a living dog IS BETTER than a dead lion.**

(All the money or education in the world, IS NOT more important than staying alive, nor as a person being blameless and not being just a rich conniving devil that judgment will overtake: **Luke 16:21-33**.)

**Matthew 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he SHALL GAIN the whole world, AND LOSE his own soul? or WHAT SHALL A MAN GIVE in exchange for his soul?**

**:27 For the Son of man SHALL COME in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he SHALL REWARD EVERY MAN ACCORDING to his works.**

(Proverbs 10:2 Treasures of wickedness PROFIT NOTHING: but righteousness delivereth from death.)

**ICorinthians 3:18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you SEEMETH TO BE WISE in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.**

**:19 For the wisdom of this world IS FOOLISHNESS with God. For it is written, He TAKETH THE WISE in their own craftiness.**

(The world IS OPPOSITE to the LORD, even by the world’s own definitions like “secular” which means worldly rather than spiritual. The world by all its colleges, theories and wisdom DOES NOT include the Creator!!! **IJohn 2:15-17, John 7:7, IJohn 5:19**, etc.)

**Psalms 14:1 The fool HATH SAID in his heart, There IS NO God. They ARE CORRUPT, they have done ABOMINABLE works, there is none that doeth good.**

(A wicked and foolish person concludes in “all their wisdom”, there is no God; or that they can serve the LORD however their mind concludes: **Proverbs 14:12, Proverbs 28:26**; or that terms like “basketball gods” “football gods” “There is no God” “In God We Trust” and other blasphemies are trivial and nothing to worry about: **Proverbs 3:31**.)

**Matthew 11:18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, AND THEY SAY, He hath a devil.**

**:19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, AND THEY SAY, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But WISDOM IS JUSTIFIED of her children.**

(Most men and women, by having pride and envy, are wise in their own conceit. WITHOUT fail, they REJECT AND DESPISE those blessed of the LORD with true wisdom and understanding.)

**Ecclesiasticus 18:27 A wise man WILL FEAR in every thing, and in the day of sinning he will beware of offence: but a fool WILL NOT observe time.**

(A wise man will be diligent not to sin, but to let the fear of the LORD guide him or her: **Matthew 10:28**.)

**:28 Every man of understanding knoweth wisdom, and will give praise unto him that found her.**

**Proverbs 1:5 A wise man WILL HEAR, and WILL INCREASE learning; and a man of understanding SHALL ATTAIN unto wise counsels:**

(The Lord and His word are counsel: **Proverbs 8:14**)

**Ecclesiasticus 19:20 The knowledge of the commandments of the Lord is THE DOCTRINE OF LIFE: and THEY THAT DO things that please him SHALL RECEIVE THE FRUIT of the tree of immortality.**

**:20 The fear of the Lord IS ALL WISDOM; and in all wisdom is the PERFORMANCE OF THE LAW, and the knowledge of his OMNIPOTENCY.**

**:21 If a servant say to his master, I will NOT DO as it pleaseth thee; though afterward he do it, he ANGERETH him that nourisheth him.**

**Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him WHICH IS ABLE TO DESTROY BOTH soul and body in hell.**

(Deuteronomy 32:39-41, ISamuel 2:6, Acts 12:21-23, IIPeter 3:10-11, Proverbs 16:4, Amos 3:6, etc.)

**IIEsdras 7:57 Then answered he me, and said, This is the condition of the battle, which man that is born upon the earth SHALL FIGHT;**

**:58 That, if he be overcome, he SHALL SUFFER as thou hast said: but if he get the victory, he SHALL RECEIVE THE THING that I say.**

**:59 For THIS IS THE LIFE WHEREOF Moses spake unto the people while he lived, saying, Choose thee life, that thou mayest live.**

**:60 Nevertheless they believed NOT him, NOR YET the prophets after him, NO NOR ME which have spoken unto them,**

**Ecclesiasticus 19:22 The knowledge of wickedness is not wisdom, neither at any time the counsel of sinners prudence.**

(Knowledge of man and the world is not of the Heavenly Father and truth. Christianity and religion are ALSO of the world, wickedness, and of Satan, and NOT of the LORD: **Isaiah 30:1, Ecclesiastes 7:29,** etc.)

**Ecclesiastes 8:5 Whoso KEEPETH THE COMMANDMENT shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart DISCERNETH BOTH time and judgment.**

**:6 Because to every purpose THERE IS time and judgment, THEREFORE THE MISERY OF MAN IS GREAT upon him.**

The greatest PROOF of wisdom and understanding is obeying the LORD’S commandments throughout the bible: **Matthew 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:3, Psalms 111:10**, **James 3:13,17-18** and confirmation of obedience will be shown in actions, true love, and looking on the things of others (no selfishness): **John 13:35, Philippians 2:4, Romans 13:8-10**. However, pride, selfishness and hatred are primary characteristics present in those void of understanding: **Matthew 24:12, Proverbs 14:21**, etc.

All glory, praises and truth to the Most High and our Messiah Christ.

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