Matt 112

Seek the wisdom from above

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Thanks for tolerating the last video it had no editing but I am using a brand new iPhone 11 and I am able to film the class and upload directly from the cell phone which I am finding very convenient and it saves me a little time.

I may try some other avenues in the future but right now I’m liking this method.

Thank you for prayers …. I was sick

Let’s jump back into Matt chapter 11;

Mat 11:11 Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen *anyone* greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

[Mat 11:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/12/s_940012) “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.

[Mat 11:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/13/s_940013) “For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.

[Mat 11:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/14/s_940014) “And if you are willing to accept *it,* John himself is Elijah who was to come.

I believe we left off here so this is where I want to pick up and get into it.

[Mat 11:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/15/s_940015) “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

In the original Greek it’s a present tense imperative mood…it would read …He who has ears or the ability to listen should listen and keep on listening.

It’s actually a strong statement to pay attention but come to the realization you better continue to pay attention.

/[Mat 11:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/16/s_940016) “But to what shall I compare this generation? **It is like children** sitting in the market places, who call out to the other *children,\*

[Mat 11:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/17/s_940017) and say, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

[Mat 11:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/18/s_940018) “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon!’

[Mat 11:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/19/s_940019) “The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

In verse 16 on the board this is another scripture that is dripping with divine sarcasm.

TLJC is addressing spiritual leaders and immature Bels who have now begun to question Him and follow him and they are like children who call out to one another in the open market.

This means it was the children who were unhappy or sulking who call out to one another and complain and criticize each other they challenge and cry out against each other.

/[Mat 11:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/17/s_940017) and say, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

This falls under the concept of unrealistic expectations- preconceived notions of what the Lord should live up to.\

All the things the Lord had just pointed out about John the Baptist which was also a nod to His new Apostles.

What did you come out to see? What is your expectation?

The warning is to stop having images of what you want and what you expect and allow God to bring forth the man or the message.

It was also a direct slap in the face of Pharisees, Scribes & Sadducees…because they had established themselves as the spiritual and intellectual leaders over the Jews. They held the standard in what they looked like…how they spoke what they presented was the absolute truth.

/[Mat 11:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/18/s_940018) “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘**He has a demon!’**

John the Baptist lived an obscure lifestyle and was rough and they criticized that, even though he stayed clear of all inappropriate behaviors. \

REPEAT ELABORATE

John the Baptist did not associate with prostitutes and tax gathers nor did he drink alcohol or have any kind of criminal record.

Yet they criticized him.

/[Mat 11:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/19/s_940019) “The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold, **a gluttonous man and a drunkard**, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ **Yet wisdom is vindicated** by her deeds.”\

 It should be: Wisdom is justified [vindicated] from her *production*. The Greek word is *ergon,* which means production, works.

Where do you get your production? You get it from God, not from people, and wisdom is knowing doctrine and applying it.

/Wisdom is used here for application of Bible Doctrine to experience and the whole point is: don’t try to please people! Please the Lord by using Bible Doctrine. You make Bible doctrine your norm & standard and apply it to the best of your ability….wisdom will naturally begin to flow in your life.\

People have a natural tendency for implacability we all struggle with it from time to time….it means impossible to please. The OSN is never fully satisfied or truly happy which means content.

REPEAT ELABORATE (relationships)

The knowledge you gain from BD can turn into wisdom if it is believed and lived in!

Who cares what people think…they are not living your life you are!

Stick with what the Bible teaches, the mind of Christ! If you stay with BD people may or may not like you…. but your life will be vindicated by its production.

Forget about people, let the chips fall where they may.

Orient to the grace of God, to the Word of God, and your life will count for something, your wisdom will increase.

/Job 38:36 “**Who has put wisdom** in the innermost being or **given understanding** in the mind?

God is the answer to the question!\

God gives us the ability to think to breath and live.

Growing in God’s knowledge which leads to wisdom was important for the humanity of Christ…why not us?

/Luk 2:52 And **Jesus kept increasing in wisdom** and stature, and in favor with God and men.\

Turn to 1Corinthinas chapter one.

The funny thing about that word wisdom is it is all over the Bible. In the Greek NT it’s that feminine noun SOPHIA and in the Hebrew it’s a feminine noun CHOKMAH.

I would spend about six hours tearing into scriptures about wisdom if I went into the majority of scriptures using that word wisdom…so we’ll just touch a few today!

Both the Hebrew and Greek versions used most often times point to a divine wisdom only obtained through a relationship with Christ.

/Rom 11:33 Oh, **the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God**! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

There is an unlimited, immeasurable depth and width to God’s wisdom.\

Until Bels get off the fence concerning where they seek out their answers and life solutions about everything…we will continue to have a cross section of Bels who operate within cosmic standards and apply cosmic solutions yet still attempt to walk in their Christianity!

REPEAT ELABORATE luke warm Rev 3

/Luk 21:15 for **I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents** will be able to resist or refute.\

Turn to 1Corinthians chapter one.

They can argue with it and rally against truth but it will always shine in the end and if you apply it…. you will always be vindicated at some point in the future.

Do you trust God enough to take His word at its face value and say that it is 100 per cent accurate…. therefore you can trust it and live in it everyday?

ASK YOURSELF??

God puts not value in the wisdom of the world;

/1Cor 3:19 For **the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God**. For it is written, “*He is* THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS”;\

No one fools God…they fool mankind but God catches the arrogant and foolish who think they are wise!

Look at 1Cor chapter one verse 19;

1Cor 1:19 For it is written,
“I WILL DESTROY THE **WISDOM** OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE.”

[/1Co 1:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/1/20/s_1063020) Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? **Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world**?\

[1Co 1:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/1/21/s_1063021) For since in the **wisdom** of God the world through its **wisdom** did not *come to* know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. REPEAT!!!

The wisdom of the world actually causes arrogance and pride and that sets up a dividing wall between man and God.

[1Co 1:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/1/22/s_1063022) For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for **wisdom**; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness,

Those who seek emotional stimulation or are so intellectual that they have all the answers from secular text books struggle with having a real relationship with God….REPEAT

[/1Co 1:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/1/24/s_1063024) but to **those who are the called**, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and **the wisdom of God**. 25 Because **the foolishness of God is wiser than men**, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.\

Here comes the two verses I enjoy and that I relate to most often in own life…

26 For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;

Not many mighty or noble are called because the noble and mighty rely on self…. they rely on cosmic viewpoint and human strength and human IQ for everything!

Here it is in verse 27;

/[1Co 1:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/1/27/s_1063027) but **God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise**, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,\

Because the foolish and those who humble themselves are open enough to gain doctrinal knowledge that once it is fully digested and lived in it will become wisdom.

[1Co 1:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/1/28/s_1063028) and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are,

[1Co 1:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/1/29/s_1063029) so that no man may boast before God.

[/1Co 1:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/1/30/s_1063030) But by His doing **you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God**, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,\

Jump ahead to chapter two…1Cor chapter two.

It is our union with Christ…. our melding of the minds with BD… the mind of Christ that begins to enlighten us.

[1Co 2:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/2/1/s_1064001) And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

Paul didn’t show up with all his knowledge of being a trained Pharisee.

[1Co 2:3 I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, 4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/2/4/s_1064004) and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

He relied on the gospel message and the filling power of the HS.

[/1Co 2:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/2/5/s_1064005) so that your faith **would not rest on the wisdom of men**, but on the power of God. 6Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are **mature**; **a wisdom, however, not of this age** nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;\

Those who are mature - is a key element in this scripture as well as Paul pointing out a divine wisdom.

Baby Bel may struggle with more complicated doctrine.

[/1Co 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/2/7/s_1064007) but **we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom*** which God predestined before the ages to our glory;\

Mystery doctrine… and notice its God’s wisdom that mankind never understands without a relationship with Him.

[1Co 2:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/2/8/s_1064008) *the* wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

 9 but just as it is written,
“THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN,
ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.” (Isa 64:4)

[1Co 2:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/2/10/s_1064010) For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

[1Co 2:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/2/11/s_1064011) For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

/[1Co 2:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/2/12/s_1064012) Now we have received, not **the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God**, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,\

Notice the spirit of the world meaning there is an influence or even possession of Unbels because Satan and his army have manipulated mankind’s thinking.

/[1Co 2:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/2/13/s_1064013) which things we also speak, **not in words taught by human wisdom**, but in those taught by the Spirit, **combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words****.\*

Combining what we learn with the filling power of the HS.

ELABORATE HUMAN WISDOM.

[1Co 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/2/14/s_1064014) But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

Without guidance from God the HS understanding BD and growing in the plan of God are impossible.

This explains why even some of the most intelligent Unbels get confused or frustrated listening to Bible teaching.

[1Co 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/2/15/s_1064015) But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one.

[/1Co 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1co/2/16/s_1064016) For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But **we have the mind of Christ.**\

Paul knows the teaching and words of TLJC and he realizes the Apostles were commissioned to complete the canon of scripture so this is what he means by they have the mind of Christ….the BIBLE!

Let’s finish up in James chapter 3.

The Apostle Paul often spoke about wisdom….divine knowledge and he often ties it right into mystery doctrine of the CA.

/Col 1:9 For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it,* we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask **that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom** and understanding,\

This is addressed to Bels…but the option is up to them to grow and gain that knowledge that leads to wisdom….that is what Paul is hoping and praying for these Bels at Colossae.

Our union with Christ goes way beyond salvation though that is great in of itself but it runs much deeper…everything TLJC has and all that He is we share in it!

Paul continues this preaching in chapter 2 as well.

/Col 2:2 that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and *attaining* to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, ***resulting* in a true knowledge of God’s mystery**, *that is,* Christ *Himself,* 3 in whom are **hidden all the treasures of wisdom** and knowledge.\

As we close let us recognize that the world has a counterfeit to everything heaven has….Satan has developed counterfeit systems for everything God created.

/Jas 3:15 **This wisdom is not that which comes down from above**, but is earthly, natural, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.\

There is wisdom which is from satanic forces and a wisdom that mankind embraces and nurtures that is fleshly…it is demonic.

/Jas 3:17 But **the wisdom from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.\

There is no denying within scripture that two wisdoms exist so you can ignore it or you can wake up as born again Bels and start learning it an applying it. Because you are developing one or the other in your life my friends!

It is a wisdom from God that we should be seeking out and growing in.

/Eph 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give to you a spirit of wisdom** and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.\

I guess we should end on this note…a prayer for all the Bels out there who are gaining knowledge but from the wrong source….

/E[ph 1:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/1/18/s_1098018) ***I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened**, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,\