James #20

Wisdom is knowing and doing the will of God.

Open today in 1Corinthians chapter 15 RF.

/Wisdom is knowing and doing the will of God. Wisdom is built upon the repetitive exercise of doing the will of God. Wisdom is defined as knowledge of what is true or right combined with good judgment (discernment). The good judgment is the result of allowing the mentorship of God the Holy Spirit. Your Believer priesthood is dependent on divine wisdom.\

Wisdom begins to gain a foot hold in the soul, when you understand that God has a plan for your life. Then the Christian begins to see it from the scriptures, doctrinal viewpoint. Then they can understand the spiritual life and use it.

From this lifestyle comes wisdom, it is a type of skill set.

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/Unless Bible Doctrine has priority in the life of the Church Age Believer, they will never fully grasp their callings in the royal family of God. As well as their Bel priesthood and ambassadorship. This also means spiritual strength for consistent and precise warfare is lacking. Spiritual growth will be stagnant for this Christian.\

As we touched on last lesson, the words of Jesus were very clear about the CA relationship with the WORD and the Holy Spirit.

/Jhn 14:26, "But **Our mentor, the Holy Spirit,** whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things**, and cause you to remember all that I have said to you."

Divine wisdom has a textbook - the Bible. Wisdom comes from an outside source and in the case of CA Bels it also is dependent upon a power beyond our human I.Q. (HS).\

Wisdom understands both the will and the plan of God for your life. You have to know what the will of God is and what the overall plan of God is. The two go hand in hand together. Any form of wisdom must come from outside of yourself.

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Even the wisest professor, scientist or philosopher you have ever seen, had a background of receiving information and absorbing knowledge.

For divine wisdom it comes from knowledge…truth, we know as BD – it must come from the accurate teaching and studying of Bible Doctrine.

/Therefore, you have to have humility to have wisdom; for no one is teachable apart from humility. Humility is the foundation for teachability, and teachability is the pathway to wisdom. Humility is built upon respect for authority, integrity and virtue.\

For the CA Bel - the New Testament epistles offer us the text book for wisdom in the dispensation of the Church. We study the whole of the BIBLE learning from the past ages. Yet we always anchor ourselves back into the NT teaching at the end of the day.

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/The greatest and most powerful lessons we can absorb at first, are the doctrines of the baptism of the HS, the filling power HS and also eternal security. This will give us basic wisdom for walking in the spiritual life. Problem solving skills slowly develop over time. When the Bel begins to view this temporal life and death, beyond the grave into eternity from divine perspective, it brings a calm assurance. This gives stability and clarity for greater learning.\

If you do not understand why you were created, and where this temporal life eventually leads, you will always have a nagging instability of thought in the soul.

Notice what the Apostle Paul is teaching here in 1Corinthians 15, it points us to a resurrected life and what CA Bels will have concerning the Rapture of the Bride of Christ.

1Cor 15:52 Now I say this, brothers *and sisters,* that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

A resurrected life was taught in the OT. Yet it was never fully understood about how a resurrected, eternal life would begin and what it really looked like.

/[1Co 15:51](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/15/51/s_1077051) Behold, **I am telling you a mystery**; we will not all sleep, but we **will all be changed**,

The doctrine of the Rapture of the Church which was not revealed in Old Testament teaching. How Bels receive a resurrected body and the order of eternity was also still a mystery. (Eph 3)\

The OT saints knew they went to heaven to be with GOD. Yet much of the greater details were never revealed until the completed canon of scripture.

[1Co 15:52](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/15/52/s_1077052) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

This is also the same concept taught in 1Thessalonians 4:16.

/ The concept of sleep is an analogy to Christian death; waking up is receiving a resurrection body. The soul does not sleep, the soul remains in the presence of the Lord until the resurrection when it receives its *“new uniform*”. Here is the mystery, we are not all going to die. There will be one generation of Believers who will not see physical death.\

There will be a generation of Christians who will be alive when the Rapture occurs.

It is the time in the ancient world when the groom comes to take his bride, it was always a surprise. The bride was told to await and prepare for his arrival.

He came and scooped her up in a wedding procession and they celebrated a wedding party for seven days.

The seven years of Tribulation on earth, will be the wedding celebration for us.

/Rev 3:10 Because you have kept MY word of perseverance, **I also will keep you from the hour of the testing**, that *hour* which **is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who live on the earth**. (Rev 19:7-10, Eph 5:22-32)\

There are references to the Bride of Christ in Ephesians and Revelation.

The Apostle Paul is stating a dogmatic statement of fact - “*but we shall all be changed,”* this is the change from the human body to the resurrection body.

There will be one generation which will not see physical death. This happens as Paul states - “*In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,*” – The Rapture is that quick and that mysterious.

It will leave many on this earth in a form of shock and awe.

It will be a great catalyst to spark Christian evangelism for the Tribulation.

You see this can not align with the second Advent. That happens at the peak of a very heated, battlefield confrontation at the battle of Armageddon, occurring at the end of the 7 yrs of Tribulation.

This can’t be describing the end of the 1,000 years of the reign of Christ on earth, because that is a supernatural opening of the universe for the Great White Throne Judgment.

This is the RAPTURE of the Bride of Christ being described here;

[1Co 15:53](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/15/53/s_1077053) For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

/CA Bels are to have wisdom regarding our life, our death, our interim body, and our eternal resurrection body.  This is all a part of the plan of God. When our perspective about death changes our perspective about life changes as well. Once human viewpoint is flushed out in certain areas – the purpose of life, death, our true connection to Christ, divine viewpoint replaces it with the truth. Then we have a level of stability to keep growing.\

[1Co 15:54](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/15/54/s_1077054) But when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written: “DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP in victory.

The Apostle Paul is clarifying a prophetic scripture from Isaiah.

/Isa 25:8 **He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces**, And He will remove the disgrace of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

OT saints understood this basic concept of death leading to heavenly perfection with GOD for HIS people.\

[1Co 15:55](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/15/55/s_1077055) “WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR VICTORY? WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR STING?” (Hosea 13:14)

The power of the grave is an illusion for the Believer.

It is a bond that Satan likes to keep people tied into, keeping them fearful and weak.

/[1Co 15:56](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/15/56/s_1077056) **The sting of death is sin**, and the power of sin is the Law;

The sting and discomfort of the OSN will be done. Legalism will be denied; self-righteousness will be dealt with in the end.\

Nothing done from the flesh will stand in the heavens. God’s grace reigns supreme in the end.

/[1Co 15:57](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/15/57/s_1077057) **but thanks**(*charis*) **be to God**, who gives us **the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**.

The victory is found in the grace plan of God the Father - IN CHRIST (person and work).\

KAH-RUS – means grace and thanksgiving, mercy – favor and God’s lovingkindness.

The foundation of HIS plan.

[1Co 15:58](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/15/58/s_1077058) Therefore, my beloved brothers *and sisters,* be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not *in* vain in the Lord.

The labor referenced here is not working in the flesh – it is growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Taking everything, GOD already has given you and aligning yourself up with HIS plan - using HIS power, relying on HIS words.

/Phl 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

God has a plan so that your life will be occupation with Christ and dying will be profit, not a fearful distraction.\

This points us to a high level of wisdom, which would mean SM.

The Apostle Paul hit levels of super-grace maturity.

Many times, Divine Wisdom was imparted upon certain OT leaders by the Holy Spirit coming upon them.

They did not have a full, complete canon of scripture at that point.

Nor did they have a filling power or indwelling of the Trinity in that dispensation.

Divine Wisdom was imputed to those who had been positive toward GOD and those who had been tested in their faith.

/Exo 28:3 You shall speak to all the skillful people whom **I have endowed with the spirit of wisdom**, that they make Aaron’s garments to consecrate him, that he may serve as priest to Me.

Deu 34:9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was **filled with the spirit of wisdom**, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the sons of Israel listened to him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.\

Divine Wisdom has always been dependent upon a positive BELIEVER moving forward in the plan of God.

Then the power of the HS working with that positive Bel.

/Divine wisdom in the OT was referred to in the Hebrew text as - *ḥāḵmâ.* Defined as wisdom, a skill set, a deeper intellect, exceeding in knowledge and able to teach wisdom. Divine Wisdom has always been exclusively affiliated with the WORD of God (mind of Christ) and the power of God the HS. There is no avenue into true wisdom except IN union with Christ, within HIS mind and through a spiritual power of the Holy Spirit. \

*KACH-MAR,* it is the same as *SOPHIA* in the Greek NT.

God’s wisdom can never be confused or conflated with human or cosmic system wisdom.

/Divine wisdom is only found on a serious journey into the mind of Christ filled by God the HS. Knowing the basic plan of God, understanding eternal security, the importance of the filling power of HS and the WORD is incredibly vital in advancing from knowledge into wisdom. Learning and growing are dependent upon the two power options as well as doctrinal accuracy. The third pillar in this growth, comes from a mind that is unburdened by doubt and anxiety.\

This is often what I teach when I tell Bels to find the right teacher and get off the fence.

Satan wants fear, anxiety and doubt to creep into our lives so that this keeps Christians in a state of uselessness.

In closing let us read from Psalms and the gospel of Matthew.

/Psa 56:3 When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. 4 In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?\

This is the words of TLJC;

/Mat 6:25 For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing?\

/[Mat 6:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/6/26/s_935026) “Look at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow, nor reap, nor gather *crops* into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more important than they? 27 “And which of you by worrying can add a single day to his life’s span?\

Your doubts and worry only stunt your spiritual growth.

Put your trust in HIM.

/Mat 6:33 “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.\