



Divine Wisdom Part 2

In *Divine Wisdom Part 1*, I taught that chakemah wisdom is the greatest form of wisdom we can receive from God because He will show you His grace in a revelatory way through His Son and His finished work.

In the Hebrew (as well as in Greek) there is another type of wisdom called *shakal*. This type of wisdom is practical wisdom, understanding or discernment for a specific situation, crisis, or disadvantage you face. God will cause you to see what you need to see in a particular situation, gain a specific knowledge for a circumstance, or put to practice an insight, skill or virtue to improve the quality of your life, whether it be in your career, relationships, health or finances.

Shakal wisdom is the key to living a life of wholeness, success and prosperity.

The reason why many believers in Christ live such a defeated life with poverty, dishonor and shortness of life is because they lack shakal wisdom.

Proverbs 1:2-3

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction, to discern the sayings of understanding,
- 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, righteousness, justice and integrity.

In verse 2, the word for wisdom is *chakemah* but in verse 3 the word for wisdom is *shakal*. In other words, the main purpose the book of Proverbs was to know chakemah wisdom and receive shakal wisdom for every situation we face in life.

Notice that when it comes to chakemah, it's to know but when it comes to shakal, we simply receive. The word *know* in Hebrew speaks of a deep personal, intimate relationship between individuals like a husband and wife.

Like chakemah wisdom, you must be born again to receive shakal wisdom because Christ is our source of wisdom. In Him are all the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge. However, it's possible to partake of the fruit of the tree of wisdom for practical living yet not have the revelation of the heart of grace of the Father and the finished work of the Son.

For example, your spouse might know your heart and the very core of your being (chakemah wisdom) because you both share an intimate relationship. Your spouse might not be your business partner but also knows intimate knowledge on how the business operates (shakal wisdom). But a friend doesn't know the essence of your heart like the spouse does but knows everything about the business as your benefactor. One is an intimate relationship the other a relationship based only on transactional benefits.

Likewise, there are believers in Christ who tap into shakal wisdom for practical living yet still lack maturity in understanding fully the gospel of grace because they have yet to understand the heart of grace. They are not operating in chakemah wisdom.

But if one obtains chakemah wisdom, shakal is the force to act on practical wisdom.

Now when we look at the Old Testament, the translated word in the Septuagint for *shakal* is the Greek word *phronesis*. This particular word was only used twice in the whole New Testament: one time to describe the actions of the righteous and the other to describe the actions of Jesus at redemption. In other words, the actions or applications of divine wisdom is *phronesis*.

Phronesis wisdom locates you in the place you ought to be and causes you to act how God acts, think as God thinks, and say what God says to obtain the same results as God. Since we started with the icon of wisdom, let's look into Solomon to fully understand phronesis wisdom.

1 Kings 4:29

“And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.”

In this verse, the word for *wisdom* in the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament) is the Greek word *phronesis* and the word *understanding* is *sophia*. If you remember from part 1, the word *sophia* is the translated Hebrew word *chakemah*. The sentence reads as follows: “And the Lord gave phronesis to Solomon and sophia great exceedingly...”

This comes to show that God gave Solomon both types of divine wisdom. When Solomon asked God for a revelatory insight and deep understanding of His heart, God filled Him with His sophia/chakemah wisdom to experience His grace, which was the key to obtaining phronesis/shakal wisdom (practical wisdom) and deep spiritual understanding of all truth. This made Solomon one of the wisest and most prosperous man after the Lord Jesus.

-How do we operate in divine wisdom?

The apostle Paul prayed that we may receive a spirit of wisdom.

Ephesians 1:17-18

“...my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,”

The apostle Paul knew Jesus and His grace infinitely more than any person who has walked the face of the earth. He operated in divine wisdom more than Solomon because later on in the same epistle the apostle Paul says to him was revealed the fullness of the mystery of Christ. The same spirit of wisdom the apostle Paul operated in, he is now praying you may receive it. Sure, we can ask God to give us practical wisdom, and He will freely give it to us. Or, we can ask the Father to give us a spirit of wisdom, so we could walk in divine wisdom permanently. Amen.

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