

Blessings and grace to you. A great question I'm asked from time to time is about wisdom and why the Bible speaks of wisdom in the feminine sense. The original word, inspired by God and used by the translators, is in the feminine voice. I believe and teach its meaning runs deep and takes us back to Adam and Eve in the garden. It's both poetic and principled in its meaning. I'll send you another text to share what I think the reason is pointing to.

Have you ever noticed how the word speaks of wisdom in a feminine sense? I think it runs much deeper than the beauty of poetic language that Solomon has chosen to use as he is inspired by God to pen the book of Proverbs.

I believe if we were to dig deeper and uncover the foundation and root of why he refers to wisdom as "she and her", we would find it in Genesis.

It was God who said, "It is not good that man should be alone..." so He created and brought to him all the animals but there was not ANY found among them, not ANY that was a suitable help meet or companion. So God put Adam to sleep, took a rib FROM him, then fashioned and made for him a woman, from his flesh and bone. It was not good for man to be alone, without a woman, and "It's not good" for man to be without wisdom. I think this is why the inspired writings of God refer to wisdom in the feminine voice, pointing us back to the garden.

Let's take it a step further and see the consequences of man or what comes FROM man that is void of God (His wisdom).

We need to learn from Eve... What comes out of man [that's not of God] only produces and spreads deception, despair, and death.

What comes from man, that's not of God, only causes trouble and leads to a certain expectation of death and destruction. Think about it, Eve, who came out of man, and her independent actions (that were void of God) reveal this current reality. God could have created Eve, just as He did Adam...but He chose to take her OUT of man. This is a vivid image and reminder for us today...that which comes from man (each of us), that acts independent of God, just as Eve did, with Adam's consent, only produces and spreads death and deceit.

I stand today with a need...I need Jesus!! I need Him and His redeeming and all-sufficient grace to cover and compel me. I, without Him, can only produce and spread death and deceit. You, my friend, need Him, too!

HE IS OUR WISDOM AND SO MUCH MORE (1 Corinthians 1:30)!

It's not good that man should be without wisdom. Isaiah solidifies for us the importance of God's wisdom and knowledge, telling us that they will be the stability and strength of our days (Isaiah 33:6). He also couples wisdom and knowledge with the treasure of the fear of the Lord.

How can we know that our knowledge and wisdom is from God?

The foundation of both, wisdom and knowledge, will always be the fear of the Lord. The wrong kind of knowledge and wisdom, according to Isaiah and illustrated by the early Babylonians, will warp and twist our way (Isaiah 47:10). But the fear of the Lord will not only position you in the proper place that we give priority to God and His ways but it will provide and protect you with wisdom and knowledge.

Therefore, we can discern the difference between wisdom that perverts our thinking and wisdom that purifies our minds and hearts to be approachable vessels that bear the fruits of God's kingdom and grace.

James helps us with learning how to recognize worldly wisdom and some of the ugliness that comes with it. James is making a distinction between the outcome of worldly and heavenly wisdom (James 3). These same principles apply to faith or wisdom:

Input determines output.

Roots determine fruit.

Source dictates service.

Origin dictates the outcome.

Christ came to give us life... and the wisdom He gives is never threatened or intimidated by things that oppose it, and neither are we when we are under His influence and led and served by His wisdom. (James 3)

The following are a few teachings that can be a help with these truths.

"Why a Feminine Voice for Wisdom?"

<https://tinysa.com/sermon/51021121783206>

"It's Not Good... Or Wise!"

<https://tinysa.com/sermon/51321121401311>

"Recognizing God's Wisdom"

<https://tinysa.com/sermon/52211215264477>

"The Way of Your Mother"

<https://tinysa.com/sermon/511221234161334>

Blessings...

#nestingwithjesus #proverbs #proverbs3 #proverbs3and5thru6 #genesis2 #genesis2and10
#genesis2and17 #genesis2and16thru17 #thepaththepath #whatsmostimportant
#whatGodsaysaboutit #matthew4and4 #Jesusagrees #treesinthegarden #treeoflife
#treeofknowledge #femaleaspectofwisdom #distilledwisdom #safesure #adamandeve
#femininevoice #wisdom #horizontallivingwithoutverticalthinking #fearcripples #lovecompels
#thelittlethings #skiesoverthechapel