

Lesson 5 Bible Verses

Job 28 “Surely there is a mine for silver, and a place where gold is refined. ² Iron is taken from the ^[a]earth, and copper is smelted from ore. ³ Man puts an end to darkness, and searches every recess for ore in the darkness and the shadow of death. ⁴ He breaks open a shaft away from people; in places forgotten by feet they hang far away from men; they swing to and fro. ⁵ As for the earth, from it comes bread, but underneath it is turned up as by fire; ⁶ its stones are the source of sapphires, and it contains gold dust. ⁷ That path no bird knows, nor has the falcon’s eye seen it. ⁸ The ^[b]proud lions have not trodden it, or has the fierce lion passed over it. ⁹ He puts his hand on the flint; he overturns the mountains ^[c]at the roots. ¹⁰ He cuts out channels in the rocks, and his eye sees every precious thing. ¹¹ He dams up the streams from trickling; what is hidden he brings forth to light.

¹² ‘But where can wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? ¹³ Man does not know its value, nor is it found in the land of the living. ¹⁴ The deep says, ‘It is not in me’; and the sea says, ‘It is not with me.’ ¹⁵ It cannot be purchased for gold, nor can silver be weighed for its price. ¹⁶ It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, in precious onyx or sapphire. ¹⁷ Neither gold nor crystal can equal it, nor can it be exchanged for ^[d]jewelry of fine gold. ¹⁸ No mention shall be made of ^[e]coral or quartz, for the price of wisdom is above rubies. ¹⁹ The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it, nor can it be valued in pure gold.

²⁰ ‘From where then does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding? ²¹ It is hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the birds of the ^[f]air. ²² Destruction^[g] and Death say, ‘We have heard a report about it with our ears.’ ²³ God understands its way, and He knows its place. ²⁴ For He looks to the ends of the earth, and sees under the whole heavens, ²⁵ to establish a weight for the wind, and apportion the waters by measure. ²⁶ When He made a law for the rain, and a path for the thunderbolt, ²⁷ Then He saw ^[h]wisdom and declared it; He prepared it, indeed, He searched it out. ²⁸ And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.’ ”

Footnotes: [a] Lit. *dust* [b] Lit. *sons of pride*, figurative of the great lions [c] At the base [d] *vessels* [e] Heb. *ramoth* [f] *heaven* [g] Heb. *Abaddon* [h] Lit. *it*

James 3:13-18 “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and ^[a]self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

Footnote: [a] *selfish ambition*

Ecclesiastes 7:23-24 “All this I have ^[a]proved by wisdom. I said, ‘I will be wise’; but it was far from me. ²⁴ As for that which is far off and exceedingly deep, who can find it out?”

Footnote: [a] *tested*

Ecclesiastes 1:16-18 “I communed with my heart, saying, ‘Look, I have attained greatness, and have gained more wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My heart has ^[a]understood great wisdom and knowledge.’ ¹⁷ And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind.

¹⁸ For in much wisdom is much grief, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.”

Footnote: Lit. *seen*

Proverbs 3:13-15 “Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding; ¹⁴ for her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. ¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.”

Proverbs 8:10-11 “Receive my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; ¹¹ for wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.”

Proverbs 15:3 “The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.”

Proverbs 1:7 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Proverbs 2:6 “For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding;”

Deuteronomy 4:5-6 “Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess. ⁶ Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’”

Psalms 1:1-2 “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ^[a]ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he ^[b]meditates day and night.”

Footnotes: [a] *wicked* [b] *ponders* by talking to himself

Psalms 119:33-40 “Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. ³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart. ³⁵ Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it. ³⁶ ^[a]Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to covetousness. ³⁷ Turn ^[b]away my eyes from looking at worthless things, and revive me in ^[c]Your way. ³⁸ Establish Your word to Your servant, who is devoted to fearing You. ³⁹ Turn away my reproach which I dread, for Your judgments are good. ⁴⁰ Behold, I long for Your precepts; revive me in Your righteousness.”

Footnotes: [a] Cause me to long for [b] Lit. *Cause my eyes to pass away from* [c] So with MT, LXX, Vg.; Tg. *Your words*

Job 29:1-6 “Job further continued his discourse, and said:

² ‘Oh, that I were as in months past, as in the days when God watched over me; ³ when His lamp shone upon my head, and when by His light I walked through darkness; ⁴ just as I was in the days of my prime, when the friendly counsel of God was over my tent; ⁵ when the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were around me; ⁶ when my steps were bathed with ^[a]cream, and the rock poured out rivers of oil for me!’”

Footnote: [a] So with ancient vss. and a few Heb. mss. (cf. Job 20:17); MT *wrath*

Job 29:7-17, 21-25 ““When I went out to the gate by the city, when I took my seat in the open square, ⁸ the young men saw me and hid, and the aged arose and stood; ⁹ the princes refrained from talking, and put their

hand on their mouth; ¹⁰ the voice of nobles was hushed, and their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth. ¹¹ When the ear heard, then it blessed me, and when the eye saw, then it approved me; ¹² because I delivered the poor who cried out, the fatherless and the one who had no helper. ¹³ The blessing of a perishing man came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. ¹⁴ I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban. ¹⁵ I was eyes to the blind, and I was feet to the lame. ¹⁶ I was a father to the poor, and I searched out the case that I did not know. ¹⁷ I broke the fangs of the wicked, and plucked the victim from his teeth."

²¹ 'Men listened to me and waited, and kept silence for my counsel. ²² After my words they did not speak again, and my speech settled on them as dew. ²³ They waited for me as for the rain, and they opened their mouth wide as for the spring rain. ²⁴ If I mocked at them, they did not believe it, and the light of my countenance they did not cast down. ²⁵ I chose the way for them, and sat as chief; so I dwelt as a king in the army, as one who comforts mourners."

Job 30:1, 8-11 "'But now they mock at me, men ^[a]younger than I, whose fathers I disdained to put with the dogs of my flock.

⁸ They were sons of fools, yes, sons of vile men; they were scourged from the land.

⁹ 'And now I am their taunting song; yes, I am their byword. ¹⁰ They abhor me, they keep far from me; they do not hesitate to spit in my face. ¹¹ Because He has loosed ^[b]my bowstring and afflicted me, they have cast off restraint before me."

Footnotes: [a] Lit. *of fewer days* [b] So with MT, Syr., Tg.; LXX, Vg. *His*

Leviticus 19:15 "'You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor."

James 2:1-9 "My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. ² For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in ^[a]fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in ^[b]filthy clothes, ³ and you ^[c]pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," ⁴ have you not ^[d]shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? ⁷ Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?

⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; ⁹ but if you ^[e]show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

Footnotes: [a] *bright* [b] *vile* [c] Lit. *look upon* [d] *differentiated* [e] Lit. *receive the face*

Job 30:25-26 "Have I not wept for him who was in trouble? Has not my soul grieved for the poor? ²⁶ But when I looked for good, evil came to me; and when I waited for light, then came darkness."

Job 31:2-4, 7-12, 21-22, 28, 35-37 “For what is the allotment of God from above, and the inheritance of the Almighty from on high? ³ Is it not destruction for the wicked, and disaster for the workers of iniquity? ⁴ Does He not see my ways, and count all my steps?

⁷ If my step has turned from the way, or my heart walked after my eyes, or if any spot adheres to my hands, ⁸ then let me sow, and another eat; yes, let my harvest be ^[a]rooted out.

⁹ ‘If my heart has been enticed by a woman, or if I have lurked at my neighbor’s door, ¹⁰ then let my wife grind for another, and let others bow down over her. ¹¹ For that would be wickedness; yes, it would be iniquity deserving of judgment. ¹² For that would be a fire that consumes to destruction, and would root out all my increase.

²¹ If I have raised my hand against the fatherless, when I saw I had help in the gate; ²² then let my arm fall from my shoulder, let my arm be torn from the socket.

²⁸ This also would be an iniquity deserving of judgment, for I would have denied God who is above.

³⁵ Oh, that I had one to hear me! Here is my mark. Oh, that the Almighty would answer me, that my ^[b]Prosecutor had written a book! ³⁶ Surely I would carry it on my shoulder, and bind it on me like a crown; ³⁷ I would declare to Him the number of my steps; like a prince I would approach Him.”

Footnotes: [a] *uprooted* [b] Lit. *Accuser*