

Sunday July 15, 2007

Topic: The Spirit of Wisdom & Revelation

The Spirit of God—His Varied Attributes : **Isaiah 11:1,2**

- The Spirit of the LORD,
- The Spirit of wisdom,
- The Spirit of understanding,
- The Spirit of counsel,
- The Spirit of power,
- The Spirit of knowledge and
- The Spirit of the fear of the LORD.

The Spirit of God—Ever Present, Always at Work : **John 14:16**

We know where it begins (Psalm 111:10).
We know its characteristics (James 3:17).
The wisdom of God is infinite (Romans 11:33).

Wisdom (in general) is the ability to use knowledge.
Divine wisdom is insight into the plans and purposes of God.
Divine wisdom, wisdom which the Spirit of wisdom imparts into our lives is all this and much more.

Wisdom for Problem Solving—Joseph **Genesis 41:28–40**

Wisdom for Skillful and Artistic Works—The Workers at the Tabernacle **Exodus 31:1–5**

Just because the Holy Spirit is at work in us, it does not mean that we will not have to work ... and work hard! The Spirit of God is the One who will give us the wisdom, the skill, ability and knowledge we are the ones who must sweat it out and get the work done! There is no room for laziness.

Wisdom to Teach and Instruct—Bezalel : **Exodus 35:30–34**

Wisdom for Leadership—Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Solomon : **Deuteronomy 34:9**
2 Chronicles 1:10-12 **1 Kings 3:28**

Wisdom for Intelligent Design—David : **1 Chronicles 28:11,12,19**

Wisdom to Exploit Natural Resources—The Farmer : **Isaiah 28:23–29**

Wisdom for Learning—Daniel and His Friends : **Daniel 1:17–20** **Daniel 5:13,14**

REVELATION

There is a God in Heaven Who Reveals Secrets : **Daniel 2:19–23, 27, 28a**

God is a revealer of secrets. A secret or a mystery is information that is currently unknown. God can reveal secrets to you.

- He can reveal information to you about things in the past, in the present or in the future. As in the example with Daniel, it could be information about what God was going to do in the future.
- The information that God reveals to you could bring direction and counsel into your life. It could be information that affects you personally or someone else.
- it could be a revelation of secret sins in someone's life so as to bring correction and repentance. As with Jesus when He spoke to the woman at the well in Samaria (John 4) or as it states in 1 Corinthians 14:24
- It could be a revelation of somebody's character—who they really are. An example of this is when Jesus met Nathaniel. Jesus said, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit" (John 1:47). Nathaniel was shocked and asked, "How do you know me?"
- God could reveal the thoughts and intents of other people. For instance in Mark 2, we read that "Jesus perceived in His spirit...what they reasoned within themselves ... " (Vs 8).
- God may reveal the plans and schemes of people whom you have to deal with so as to protect you. For instance Prophet Elisha kept warning the king of Israel about the battle plans of the king of Aram, thus helping him to stay out of trouble. **"Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?" And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom"" (2 Kings 6:11,12).** God can impart revelation about things in the natural realm as well as about things in the unseen spiritual realm.

The Spirit of Revelation and Our Personal Lives : Luke 2:25,26

PREPARING TO HEAR FROM THE SPIRIT

1. Communion with the Holy Spirit 2 Corinthians 13:14
2. Praying in the Spirit 1 Corinthians 14:2 1 Corinthians 2:9,10

HOW THE SPIRIT COMMUNICATES

The Holy Spirit will communicate to your spirit through any of the 5 spirit-senses. For many of us these would be predominantly what we **feel** in our spirit (e.g. calm, joy, peace, restlessness, discomfort, uneasiness), what we **see** in our spirit (e.g. pictures, ideas), and what we **hear** in our spirit (e.g. a word, sentence, paragraph). Learn to be attentive. Learn to capture these as they come. Process them and then act on them.



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