

The Search for Wisdom
An Introduction to the book of Job

Job 28:1-28

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Introduction: The book of Job is probably one of the most misunderstood books of the O.T. The book was not written to tell us “why the righteous suffer” or to prove to us that dinosaurs existed! The message of Job goes far beyond the theme of suffering! The book of Job was written to teach us about the wisdom of God. Come join me tonight in the search for true wisdom!

1. The book of Job is one of the five wisdom books in the O. T.
2. **Wisdom** means the skill or ability to do the things that please God.
 - a. Psalms
 - b. Proverbs
 - c. Ecclesiastes
 - d. Song of Solomon
 - e. Job
3. Job is a poetical book [40 out of 42 chapters are poetry]
4. Tennyson reputedly called Job “the greatest poem of ancient and modern times.”
5. Francis Andersen said, “the book of Job is one of the best gifts of

God to men.”

6. Job chapter 28 is a deliberate intermission to the drama of Job.
7. The author is anonymous, but I do have a good guess!
 - a. He was skilled in use of poetry, proverbs and wisdom.
 - b. He was skilled in both plant and animal life.
 - c. He refers to hundreds of animals, insects, birds and great beasts!
 - d. He was apparently very skilled with trapping animals.
 - e. He knows the names of every precious metal and stone.
 - 1.) He used 4 words to describe the different types of gold
 - 2.) He mined his gold from Ophir (1 Kings 9:27; 10:11)
 - f. He is familiar with the technical language of the courts.
 - g. He is well informed about foreign cultures, particularly Egypt.
 - h. His vocabulary is influenced from 6 different languages.
 - i. He is among the wisest of Israel’s men – (1 Kings 4:29-34)

I. The Wisdom of God Cannot Be Mined (vs. 1-11)

A. Man will risk his life to obtain it (vs. 1-4)

B. Because it does not have price tag (vs. 15-22)

B. Man will try to use his genius to obtain it (vs. 5-11)

III. Wisdom Comes From God (vs. 23-28)

A. Because God is all knowing (vs. 23)

B. Because God is sovereign (vs. 24-27)

II. The Wisdom of God Cannot Be Bought (vs. 12-22)

A. Because man does not know its value (vs. 12-14)

C. All man has to behold true wisdom (vs. 28)

Conclusion: True wisdom can only be found in God through the Lord Jesus Christ as one sees his sin and submits to God's greatness. Do you know true wisdom?