

The Revival of Wisdom

Proverbs 1:7; 9:10

Proverbs 4:7

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom.
Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

“At TED brilliance is rampant! The good news is that you don’t need to be brilliant to be wise. The bad news is that without wisdom, brilliance isn’t enough. [Brilliance] is likely to get you and other people into as much trouble as anything else.”

-Barry Schwartz: Our Loss of Wisdom (TED TALK)

Proverbs 6:32

But a man who commits adultery has no sense (stupid); whoever does so destroys himself.

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and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

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The fear of the Lord is openness to him, eagerness to please him, humility to be instructed by him. The fear of the Lord is about reverence toward God, respect for Him, love and appreciation, holding God in highest regard.

Fear of God Side A:

Deep-seated reverence and awe in recognition of the holiness of God, his utter “otherness”.

Fear of God Side B:

Devotion to God’s covenant and obedience to his word by loving and serving him and walking in his ways

Psalm 85:6-7

Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your unfailing love, Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

Psalm 130:3-7

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

Hosea 10:12

Sow righteousness for yourselves,
reap the fruit of unfailing love,
and break up your fallow ground;
for it is time to seek the Lord,
until he comes
and showers his righteousness on you.

When mountain wall confront thy way,
Why sit and weep? Arise and say,
“Be thou removed,” and they shall be
By power of God cast in the sea.

All power on earth, all power in heaven,
To Christ, the Son of God, is given;
And from the throne He will endue,
And hindrances shall flee from you.

O'er all the power of fiend and man,
Say to the Lord, “I surely can.”
Take from Him power on earth to tread
On serpent's sting, on dragon's head.

Whatever thou art, O mountain high,
Whatever thou art, in earth or sky,
Whenever thou art, truth is the same,
“Be thou removed in Jesus’ name!”

“Be thou removed!” Faith bids thee start
For yonder sea. Arise, depart;
I may, I can, I must, I will,
The purpose of my God fulfill.

- Joseph Ellison