

An Excurses on Wisdom (Job 28)

- I. True Wisdom Is Unappreciated by Man (1-13a)
 - A. Men Pursues What is Valuable to Him (1-11)
 - 1. Men Always Search out What He Values (1-3)
 - a. Valuable Minerals are Found in the Earth (1-2)
 - i. There are mines for silver and gold (1)
 - ii. Iron and Copper are taken from the earth (2)
 - b. Men Search out Valuable Minerals (3)
 - i. Man will find these minerals even in darkness
 - ii. He will find a way to end the darkness and search to the farthest limit of the gloom
 - iii. Nothing will stop him from seeking that which he values
 - 2. Valuable Things may Be in Difficult Places (4-8)
 - a. The Places minerals are found are hard to locate (4)
 - i. They are in the most remote place – away from where people live and forgotten by travelers
 - ii. They are far from all mankind, hanging high in the air
 - b. The Places minerals are found are unknown to creation
 - i. The earth produces food but is turned up as by fire (5)
 - ii. Gold and Sapphires lie in the dust and stones
 - iii. Yet the birds have not seen it – they place no value in the gold and the gems
 - iv. The beasts and the lion have passed over it
 - v. It is not valuable to them and it is not found by them. It is well hidden.
 - 3. Man Searches for Valuables with Great Energy (9-11)
 - a. Man will Dig Until He Finds what is Valuable (9-10)
 - i. He puts his hand to the flinty rock
 - ii. He overturns the mountains themselves
 - iii. He cuts channels through the rocks
 - iv. He will find what is precious to him
 - b. Man will Do Whatever it Takes to Find what is Valuable
 - i. He dams up the streams
 - ii. Whatever is hidden, man will bring into the light
 - iii. He will find what he sets his heart upon
 - B. Man does Not Realize the Value of Wisdom (12-13a)
 - 1. The Place of Wisdom and Understanding is Hidden (12)
 - 2. Man Does Not Realize the Value of Wisdom (13a)
- II. True Wisdom Is More Valuable and Remote than Anything (13b-19)
 - A. Wisdom is Not Found Even in the Most Remote Places (13b-14)
 - 1. Wisdom can't be found in the land of the living (13b)
 - 2. Wisdom is not found in the depths of the earth (14)

3. Wisdom is not found in the depths of the sea
- B. Wisdom is More Valuable than Anything (15-19)
 1. Wisdom cannot be bought for any price (15-16)
 - a. It can't be bought for gold
 - b. It can't be bought for any amount of silver
 - c. It cannot be valued in any precious material (16)
 2. Wisdom Cannot be Equaled in Value (17-19)
 - a. Gold and glass cannot compare to it
 - b. No material can be exchanged for it
 - c. Crystal and coral can't buy it
 - d. Pearls cannot equal it
 - e. Topaz and pure gold cannot equal it
- III. Wisdom Abides with God Alone (20-28)
 - A. Wisdom Cannot be Found (20-22)
 1. Where does wisdom and understanding come from?
 2. Wisdom is hidden from the eyes of the living
 3. Wisdom is concealed from the birds of the air
 4. Wisdom cannot even be found by death and the destroyer
 - B. God Alone Knows Wisdom (23-24)
 1. God understands the way to wisdom
 2. God knows its place
 3. God sees everything under the heavens
 - C. God Alone Establishes Wisdom (25-27)
 1. God created all things as well as wisdom
 2. God declared wisdom and established it
 3. God searched out wisdom
 - D. God Alone Reveals Wisdom to Man (28)
 1. God reveals that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom
 2. God reveals that to turn from evil is to have understanding