

THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE AGED

Job 12:7-20

7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:

8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?

10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

11 Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat?

12 With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

13 With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.

14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.

15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.

16 With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his.

17 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools.

18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.

19 He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty. (KJV)

Job 12:20

20 He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and **(1)taketh away (2)the understanding of (3)the aged.** (KJV)

(1)taketh away-3947 laqach (law-kakh'); a primitive root; to take (in the widest variety of applications): KJV-- carry away, drawn, fetch, get, infold, mingle, seize, send for, take up.

(2)the understanding of-2940 ta` am (tah'-am); from 2938; properly, a taste, i.e. (figuratively) perception; by implication, intelligence; transitively, a mandate: KJV-- advice, behaviour, decree, discretion, judgment, reason, understanding.

(3)the aged-2205 zaqen (zaw-kane'); from 2204; old: KJV-- aged, ancient (man), elder (-est), old (man, men and ... women), senator.

Job 12:20 ... taketh away the understanding of the aged. (KJV)

Job 12:24-25

24 **He taketh away the heart** of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.

Job 17:4

4 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt them.

Job 32:5-9

5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.

6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion.

7 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.
8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.
9 Great men are not always wise: **neither do the aged understand (1)judgment.** (KJV)

(1)judgment-4941 mishpat (mish-pawt'); from 8199; properly, a verdict, pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style: KJV-- + adversary, ceremony, charge, X crime, custom, determination, discretion, disposing, due, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, (due) order, ordinance, right, + wrong.

Job 39:13-17

13 Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?
14 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust,
15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.
16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers: her labour is in vain without fear;
17 **Because God** hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding. (KJV)

Job 12:20 ... additional unclassified scriptures (KJV)

Gen 11:6-9

6 **And the LORD said**, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.
9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth. (KJV)

Jer 8:8-9

8 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain.
9 The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them? (KJV)

Matt 11:25-26

25 At that time **Jesus answered and said**, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.
26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. (KJV)

Luke 10:19-21

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.
21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and

earth, **that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent**, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.(KJV)

1 Cor 1:18-31

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

19 **For it is written**, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. (KJV)

1 Cor 3:18-23

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

20 And again, **The Lord** knoweth the thoughts of the wise, **that they are vain**.

21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;

22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;

23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's. (KJV)