

THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

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MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message emphasized that wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord, a concept deeply rooted in reverence and awe for God rather than being afraid of him. Drawing from Proverbs 1:7, 1 Kings 3:5-12, and Ecclesiastes 12:13, we explored Solomon's journey as a wise king who initially sought God's wisdom but later faltered when he relied on himself. Ultimately, Solomon returned to the truth that fearing God is the foundation of wisdom. This wisdom, offered freely by God, equips us to navigate life's challenges when we humbly seek and follow His guidance.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What's one piece of advice you've received that turned out to be helpful or not helpful? How did it impact you?
2. After listening to the message, what stood out to you?
3. Read Proverbs 1:7:
 - a. Why do you think the fear of the Lord is described as the beginning of knowledge? How does this perspective shape your approach to learning and decision-making?
4. How can we differentiate between healthy fears (like fearing the Lord) and unhealthy fears in our spiritual journey?
5. Read 1 Kings 3:5-12: Solomon asked for wisdom to govern at the beginning of his career.
 - a. If God offered you anything, what would you ask for? Why?
 - b. In what ways could more wisdom be valuable in your life?
6. Now, read through Solomon's conclusion towards the end of his life. Read Ecclesiastes 12:13.
 - a. Solomon concluded that fearing God and keeping his commandments is "the duty of all mankind." What does it mean for you to fear God in your daily life?
7. What practical steps can you take to grow in holy fear of God?

PRAY