

It's a job to be Job!

JOB 28

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

LESSON 17

1. What truth, verse, or insight from last week's study of **Psalm 31** was helpful to you?

 2. Pray and ask for God's wisdom as you read **Job 28**. What are some of the themes you see at first glance?

 3. Given the context of **V1- 4**, and how Job painted a word picture of mining treasures, what feelings do the following phrases evoke?
"blackest darkness" _____
"untouched by human feet" _____
"dangle and sway" _____
 4. Job made poetic comparisons between things found at or above the ground versus below. What are these comparisons in **V5-8**?

 5. a) How do **V9-11** describe the intense effort necessary to dig jewels and precious metals out of the earth?

b) Have you ever given a similar intense effort to gain wealth or financial security? What were the pros & cons of that effort?

 6. In **V12** Job revealed the main theme of his poetic essay: *Where do you find wisdom?* How would people today answer this?
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7. How do you define and differentiate between:

- Worldly wisdom
- Godly wisdom

8. a) Think of people who you consider to be wise. What about them or their words have been clues to you that they are wise?

b) How do you think they gained their wisdom?

c) Many societies believe wisdom comes with age. What are your thoughts on this?

9. a) List the key points Job made regarding wisdom in **V13-19**.

b) In what ways do you demonstrate that you value God's wisdom?

10. Read **V20-21**. Why do you think wisdom is hidden if it is something good?

11. What do these verses say about the *hidden treasure* of wisdom?

Jeremiah 33:3 _____

Colossians 2:2c-3 _____

12. **V23** asserts that true wisdom comes exclusively through God. What do these verses teach about wisdom?

Jeremiah 8:8, 9b _____

1 Corinthians 1: 20 _____

1 Corinthians 1:25 _____

13. What attributes of God do you see in **V23-27**?

14. **V28** is the dramatic answer to the questions posed in **V12 & V20**. How would you explain:

- “fear of the Lord”?
- how shunning evil is related to gaining understanding?

15. As you consider how it has been such **a job to be Job**,

a) Why would Job have gone on this poetic rabbit trail about wisdom? Do you think there is a connection between wisdom and suffering? Explain. (See **James 1:2-5**)

b) In what current trial or struggle are you asking God to reveal His wisdom to you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What can **hinder** our development of Godly wisdom according to these verses?

Proverbs 11:2_____

Proverbs 16:16_____

2. Identify the **practical ways** God's wisdom was given & applied in the following situations:

Exodus 31:3-5_____

1 Kings 3:7-12_____

1 Kings 4:32-33_____

1 Kings 10:24_____

3. Which of these examples of wisdom resonates most with you and why?

4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Job 28:28**

b) Form a prayer based on this Lesson.

