

The Wisdom of God

Ezekiel 28:11-15:

"Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,

"You had the seal of perfection,
Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

¹³"You were in Eden, the garden of God;
Every precious stone was your covering:
The ruby, the topaz and the diamond;
The beryl, the onyx and the jasper;
The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald;
And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets,
Was in you.

On the day that you were created
They were prepared.

¹⁴"You were the anointed cherub who covers,
And I placed you there
You were on the holy mountain of God;
You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁵"You were blameless in your ways
From the day you were created

Isaiah 14:13-14

But you said in your heart,

'I will ascend to heaven; **Glory**

I will raise my throne above the stars of God, **Power**

And I will sit on the mount of assembly

In the recesses of the north. **Position**

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **Beauty**

I will make myself like the Most High. **Status**

1. Satan had an obsession for _____
2. Satan had an obsession for _____
3. Satan had an obsession for _____

4. Satan had an obsession for _____
5. Satan had an obsession for _____
6. Jesus _____.

Luke 6:20-26 (NIV)

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

7. God redefined _____

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

8. Jesus redefined _____

Matthew 23:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant.

¹² For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 (NIV)

¹⁰ Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

¹¹ As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?

¹² The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.

¹³ I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner,

¹⁴ or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when he has a son there is nothing left for him.

¹⁵ Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand.

¹⁶ This too is a grievous evil:

9. God redefined _____

Proverbs 31:30 (NIV)

³⁰ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Proverbs 11:22 (NIV)

²² Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.

Isaiah 53:2 (NIV)

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

Isaiah 23:9 (NASB)

⁹ The LORD of hosts has planned it, to defile the pride of all beauty, To despise all the honored of the earth.

10. God redefined what _____ looks like.

Acts 4:13 (NIV)

¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:9 (NIV)

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God

11. God's _____ are not our thoughts, God's _____ are not are ways.

Isaiah 55:8 (NASB)

⁸ "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

1 Corinthians 1:17-31 (NIV)

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

²⁰ Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

²² Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom,

²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

²⁶ Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

²⁸ He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things--and the things that are not--to nullify the things that are,

²⁹ so that no one may boast before him.