

## THE BOOK OF JOB

### JOB 28

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. Knowledge and information is readily available, but where can you find wisdom? (1 Tim. 1.7; Job 32.9)
2. In his final speech, Job is looking for answers leading him to ruminate about the concept of wisdom.

#### I. BREAKING DOWN THE TEXT

- A. The place of wisdom.
  1. **JOB 28.1-4:** There is a place for gold and silver.
  2. **JOB 28.5-8:** Precious metals and stones are located in the deepest recesses of the earth.
  3. **JOB 28.9-11:** Though difficult to find, mankind has found a way to locate and extract them.
  4. **JOB 28.12:** *“But where can wisdom be found?”*
- B. The price of wisdom.
  1. **JOB 28.13,14:** How do you place a value on wisdom?
  2. **JOB 28.15-19:** No amount can purchase wisdom.
- C. The possessor of wisdom.
  1. **JOB 28.20-22:** Wisdom is not found in the world.
  2. **JOB 28.23-28:** Wisdom comes only from God.

#### II. APPLYING THE TEXT

- A. How do you gain a heart of wisdom?
  1. **JOB 28.28:** *“Then He said to man, ‘The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom’”* (cf. Ps. 119.120; Ecc. 12.13; Prov. 1.29)
  2. **JOB 28.28:** *“And to depart from evil is understanding”*
- B. The life of someone who is wise.
  1. Wisdom helps during trials and temptations. (James 1.5)
  2. Wisdom helps in my daily conduct. (Eph. 5.15-17)
  3. Wisdom helps in my relationships. (James 3.13-18)

**CONCLUSION:** Who is the wisest person you know? It is the one whose life is guided by the fear of God.

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*“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”*  
-Mark 16.15

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#### MEETING TIMES:

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM**  
**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM**

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#### “IF THEY REPENT”

The greatest blessing ever given to us by God is not His Son, but the gift of forgiveness that we receive because of His Son (Eph. 2.8; 2 Cor. 9.15). Do we have the right to withhold that same gift from others?

Jesus tells us that *“If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him”* (Luke 17.3). This is referring to sin that a brother in Christ commits that results in you being hurt. If a fellow Christian hurts me, the first thing that I must do is rebuke him. This means that I must *“go to him and tell him his fault”* (Matt. 18.15). I am not to hide in a corner and stew in anger and resentment. I am not to wait for this brother to come to me and make it right. I am to go to him.

After I approach the one who hurt me and he repents, then I am to forgive him. The idea of forgiveness is expressed in Hebrews 10.2 where it refers to having *“no more consciousness of sins.”* The idea is to treat him as if he never sinned against me. I am not to hold a grudge. I am not to keep bringing it up. I am to forgive.

There isn't much worse you can do to someone than to withhold forgiveness from the one who seeks it. *“But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses”* (Matt. 6.15).  
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# THE PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

**MATTHEW 18:35**

## INTRODUCTION:

1. The parable of the sower teaches us that when God speaks, we need to listen carefully to what He says.
2. The background of the parable of the unforgiving servant.
3. Through the parable of the unforgiving servant, we learn that it is essential to have a heart willing to forgive.

## I. THE POINT OF THE PARABLE

- A. The point of the parable is seen in the context.
  1. **MATTHEW 18.21:** *“How often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?”*
  2. **MATTHEW 18.22,23:** *“Therefore...”*
- B. The point of the parable is seen in the parable itself.
  1. **MATTHEW 18.23-35:** The story as told by Jesus.
  2. **MATTHEW 18.25:** The moral of the story.

## II. THE CHAPTERS OF THE PARABLE

- A. Chapter One: Forgiveness Applied
  1. **MATTHEW 18.24,25:** *“one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents”* (cf. 1 Chr. 29.3,4)
  2. **MATTHEW 18.27:** *“The master...forgave him the debt”*
- B. Chapter Two: Forgiveness Denied
  1. **MATTHEW 18.25:** *“his fellow servant who owed him a hundred denarii”* (cf. Matt. 20.2).
  2. **MATTHEW 18.30:** *“went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.”*
- C. Chapter Three: Forgiveness Set Aside
  1. **MATTHEW 18.32:** *“You wicked servant!”*
  2. **MATTHEW 18.34:** *“his master was angry”*
  3. **MATTHEW 18.34:** *“delivered him to the torturers”*
  4. **MATTHEW 18.35:** This is what God will do.

## III. APPLICATION OF THE PARABLE

- A. What is forgiveness? (Matt. 18.19,20; Heb. 10.2)
- B. How do I forgive?
  1. Have a heart of patience. (Matt. 18.26)
  2. Have a heart of compassion. (Matt. 18.27)

**CONCLUSION:** We must be willing to forgive. Are you listening?

# WE HAVE AN ANCHOR

To keep vessels from drifting away by the wind and ocean currents, heavy anchors are attached to the side. These anchors come in various weights depending on the size of the vessel. Smaller boats have anchors that can weigh as little as four pounds. An anchor for a cruise ship weighs anywhere from ten to twenty tons. The USS Abraham Lincoln has an anchor that weighs thirty tons which does not include the weight of the chain. The chain itself is one thousand eighty-two feet with each link weighing more than two hundred pounds.

Christians need to be alert to the danger of drifting away. Ephesians 4 warns us about being *“tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men”* (Eph. 4.14). Like a derelict ship, the winds of false teachings, temptations, worldly influences, and hardships can cause us to drift away from God. It is for this reason that the Holy Spirit commands us to *“give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away”* (Heb. 2.1).

Knowing the dangers of drifting, God has provided us an anchor. Hebrews was written to people who were being persecuted because of their faith and were in danger of drifting away (Heb. 2.1). In Hebrews 6, they were reassured of the promises of God. The Holy Spirit reflected back on the promise God made to Abraham as an example of His reliability (Heb. 6.13-18). This reassurance gives us hope that God will keep His promise of eternal life to His people if we remain faithful (Heb. 6.18; cf. Titus 1.2). With this hope set before us, the writer tells us that *“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast”* (Heb. 6.19).

Where can this hope be found? In 1 Timothy 1.1, Paul makes reference to *“the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope.”* It is Jesus who makes the hope of eternal life possible. And it is when we spend time with our Bibles and pay attention to the message of scripture that we are reminded of our hope in Him (Heb. 2.1). It is for this reason that the Hebrew writer described hope as being supported by our faith (Heb. 11.1).

Studying your Bible produces faith (Rom. 10.17). And when you have a faith that is produced through His word, it gives substance to your hope. And that hope serves as an anchor to keep you from drifting away from God. Show me someone who spends time with their Bible, and I will show you a stable Christian. CLP