

PRAYER

CORNER



*“Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”*

Daniel 12:3

*“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.”* Matthew 5:14

A dear friend of mine had a birthday last month, and I put these two scriptures on her card. She was surprised I thought her to be “wise.” Well, I definitely consider her to be a very wise person - very wise to seek the things of God. She studies her Bible and is careful to follow the Spirit of the Lord.

Being wise in the ways of the world is not the definition of being spiritually wise. They are in opposition to one another.

The Bible says, *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”* Proverbs 1:7 Daniel feared the Lord and was known in Babylon as *“ . . . a man in whom the spirit of the holy gods dwelt. . . with light, understanding and wisdom.”* In the book of Daniel we read he prayed three times a day. He also fasted and prayed, and the Lord told Daniel through the Angel Gabriel that he would be given skill and understanding. Daniel always acknowledged to others that all visions and understanding he was given came from the Lord his God. In Daniel 2:20-23, Daniel’s prayer is quoted in part - after he received an answer to his prayer and fasting: - *“Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. . . He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells in Him. . .”* Daniel was a seeker.

If you are a seeker of the things of God, you are wise. No one else can give you that kind of wisdom and there is none wiser than God. As Daniel, we too can receive wisdom from God by first seeking Him (being wise and discerning).

*“ If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given him.*

James 1:5

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