

“JOHN SAW THE HAIR”

(Message #2)

Text: Revelation 1:12-20
Subject: The Secret To The Wisdom Of The Lord

Introduction

(Revelation Chapter 1 Is A Picture Of Jesus)

- ◆ How Jesus reveals Himself to you and me!
- ◆ How Jesus is standing in the midst of the church!
- ◆ How Jesus ministers to people like you and me!
- ◆ How Jesus is changing us into His likeness!

Question: What did John see on the isle of Patmos?

Answer: He saw Jesus!

Question: What did Jesus reveal to John so that we could have it in hand today?

(Jesus Reveals Himself This Way)

- #1. Jesus has the **Robe** of a High Priest.
- #2. Jesus has **Hair**, white like wool and snow.
- #3. Jesus has **Eyes** like fire.
- #4. Jesus has **Feet** like brass.
- #5. Jesus has a **Voice** like many waters.
- #6. Jesus has **Hands** to hold his servants.
- #7. Jesus has a **Sword** that is two-edged.

(Last Week We Discovered)

- ◆ The **Robe** is a picture of Jesus as our High Priest with strength, affection, and a desire to make us fruitful.

(The Robe And Breastplate Are Meaningful)

- #1. The robe carried Israel's names on the shoulders – a sign of strength.
 - ◆ Jesus is our burden – bearer.
- #2. The breastplate carried Israel's names over the heart of the priest – a sign of affection.
 - ◆ Jesus is our High Priest to minister in time of need.
- #3. The gold plate on the priests forehead had this inscription – “Holiness To The Lord”.
 - ◆ This was to inspire Israel (and us) to become holy like the Lord is Holy.
 - ◆ And put off the old man of former sins.

(Today – We Come To The Hair Of Jesus)

(Revelation 1:14)

“His head and His hair are white like wool, as white as snow”

Question: Pastor, what does the hair of Jesus, white like wool and white like snow have to do with me today?

Question: Why does Jesus show us His hair?

Question: Why is it white like snow?

Question: Why is it white like wool?

Question: And how does it affect us all in day to day living?

The vision of Jesus with His head and his hair corresponds to the vision of the Lord in Daniel 7:9, which says: “The ancient of days did sit, and the hair of his head was like pure wool”

Question: What's the significance?

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Answer: In the ancient world, white hair symbolized the respect due to the aged and elderly for the **wisdom** of their advanced years.

(Proverbs 16:31 Says:)

“White hair is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness”

(In Other Words)

- ◆ The hair of Jesus (white like wool and snow) has nothing to do with aging or growing old.
- ◆ It has to do with the wisdom and purity and rightness and infallibility of the Lord.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ What Daniel ascribed to God the Father, John assigns to Christ the Son.

Question: So what is Jesus saying by showing John (and us) His head and hair that are as white as wool and snow?

Answer: Jesus is standing in the midst of His church and declaring:

“Its good for you to know that” ...

#1... There is Someone **all wise** who can lead you in the right direction...

#2... You don't have to depend on **your own understanding** (and)...

#3... **I never make a mistake** and always have your best interest in mind”

Question: How many of you will admit it, “**Lord I need your wisdom because You are much smarter than I am**”?

(Jeremiah Said In Jeremiah 10:23)

“Lord, I know that I am not able to plan my own course and direct my own steps”

I. The Source Of Wisdom

Question: Who is the source of all wisdom?

Answer: Revelation 1:13 tells us:

- ◆ It is Jesus who is standing in the midst of His church!
- ◆ And His wisdom is pure white like snow, without fault or blemish or mistake.
- ◆ (Psalm 104:24) “O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In **wisdom** hast Thou made them all”.
- ◆ (Proverbs 3:19) “The Lord by **wisdom** hath founded the earth, by understanding hath He established the heavens”.
- ◆ (Daniel 2:2) “Blessed be the name of the Lord forever and ever; for **wisdom** and might are His”.
- ◆ (Romans 11:33) “O the depth of the riches both of the **wisdom** and knowledge of God’.
- ◆ (Isaiah 11:2) “And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of **wisdom**”.
- ◆ (Matthew 13:54) “And when Jesus was come into His own country, He taught them in their synagogue insomuch that they were astonished at His **wisdom**”.
- ◆ (Colossians 2:3) “In whom are hid all the treasures of **wisdom** and knowledge”.

II. The Substance Of Wisdom

Question: What exactly is the wisdom that Jesus wants you to have?

Answer: Wisdom is defined as “The power of forming a sound judgment in any matter”.

(In Other Words – Wisdom Is...)

- 1... The miraculous giving of wisdom to make proper judgments for a wise course of action to meet a particular need.
- 2... A particular portion of God's wisdom or wise insight to apply to a specific situation.

- 3... That gift of the Spirit which enables us to answer a particular question or solve a particular challenge.
- 4... The gift of God enabling the believer insight into the purpose of God which can be translated into the ordinary problems and issues of life.
- 5... The gift which allows a person to get to the heart of a problem and bring a resolve to it;

(Very Simply)

- ◆ **Wisdom** is a gift from God to bring a good resolve to an immediate problem or challenge or situation!
- ◆ **Wisdom** will result in a divine sense of the right thing being said and the right thing being done.
- ◆ **Wisdom** will bear fruit in the right course of action being taken.

(Some Examples Of How Wisdom Works)

1. Genesis 41:25-39 – God gave Joseph a word of knowledge, revealing to him Pharaoh’s dream. After the revelation of the dream, Joseph shifted to advising in light of his information received. Joseph’s **wise** advice made proper judgments and Pharaoh recognized both the interpretation and the **advice** as being the result of Divine revelation to Joseph.
2. Exodus 3 – God called Moses to deliver Israel from Egypt’s bondage, and Moses needed the word of **wisdom** many times as he dealt with a rebellious people.
3. Exodus 31 – God called Bezaleel and filled him with supernatural **wisdom** to work with gold, silver, brass, stones, timber, and to do the principle work of building the Tabernacle.
4. II Chronicles 20:12-23 – The Lord gives Jehoshaphat a word of **wisdom** in fighting the enemy nations. Instead of going out with his finest warriors, he simply sends out men to sing and praise the Lord, and lo and behold, the enemies proceed to ambush each other. What proper judgment for a wise course of action.
5. I Kings 3:16-28 – Solomon is given the word of **wisdom** in handling the case of the disputed infant.
6. Daniel 2:20-22 – Daniel had intellectual knowledge and wisdom, and was chosen to teach in the king’s palace. However, even greater was the supernatural word of **wisdom**, which God gave him from time to time in dealing with the king.
7. Matthew 21:23-27 – 22:15-22 – Jesus was given or displayed again and again the word of **wisdom** to meet challenging circumstances.
8. Acts 6:1-7 – God manifested this gift through the apostles in meeting a crisis need in the church. God gave such **wisdom** to the twelve as they dealt with the problem of the daily ministrations to widows, that it “Pleased the whole multitude” and added a great many more to the faith.
9. Acts 6:8-10 – God gave such supernatural wisdom in time of need to Stephen that “They were not able to resist the **wisdom** by which he spoke”.
10. Acts 15:1-22 – At the first general conference of the church at Jerusalem, there was “Much disputing” until James offered his simple formula. Harmony and oneness of spirit resulted; “Then pleased it the apostles and elders with the whole church” (v. 22)

Question: How many of you want wisdom from above?

III. The Secret Of Wisdom

Question: Does God want you to have His wisdom?

Question: Did Jesus really show John He is wise and alive and involved in the lives of His people?

Question: Pastor, will the Lord give me wisdom to make right decisions?

- ◆ “For the Lord giveth **wisdom**; out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound **wisdom** for the righteous”. (Proverbs 2:6,7)
- ◆ “Happy is the man that findeth **wisdom**, and the man that getteth understanding”. (Prov. 3:13)
- ◆ “Get **wisdom**, get understanding, forget it not...” (Proverbs 4:5)
- ◆ “**Wisdom**” is better than rubies, and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it”. (Proverbs 8:11)
- ◆ “Through **wisdom** is an house builded, and by understanding it is established”. (Prov. 24:3)
- ◆ “**Wisdom** is better than strength”. (Ecclesiastes 9:16)
- ◆ “Be filled with all **wisdom** and spiritual understanding”. (Colossians 1:9)
- ◆ “**Wisdom** from above (pure, peaceable, gentle) is easy to be entreated”. (James 3:17)

(The Question)

- ◆ How can you receive the wisdom that Jesus wants you to receive. (The answer is)
- ◆ The Lord tells us exactly how you can have His wisdom!

(Write These Things Upon Your Heart)

#1. Prayer Is A Channel To Receive God’s Wisdom

(James 1:5 says) “If you need wisdom, if you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking”.

- ◆ Wisdom will come to you in the degree that you ask for it!

#2. The Word Is A Channel To Receive God’s Wisdom

(Psalm 19:7 says) “The Word of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple”

(Paul Said To Timothy In II Timothy 3:15)

“And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise”.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Wisdom comes to you as you fill your mind with the Word of God.

#3. Reverence Is A Channel To Receive God’s Wisdom

(Solomon Said In Proverbs 15:33)

“The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom”

(Job Said In Job 28:28)

“Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom”

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Wisdom comes to you as you walk in the healthy fear of the Lord.

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#4. Obedience Is A Channel To Receive God’s Wisdom

(Moses Said In Deuteronomy 4:5,6)

“Behold I have taught you statutes and Judgments, ... Keep therefore and do them for this is your **wisdom**.”

(Psalm 111:10)

“**Wisdom** comes to those who keep His commandments”

(Proverbs 2:7,8)

“The Lord lays up sound **wisdom** for the righteous... and he preserves the way of His saints”.

(Ecclesiastes 2:26)

“For God gives **wisdom** and **joy** to those who please Him, but to the sinner He gives travail”.

#5. **Humility** Is A Channel To Receive God’s Wisdom

(Proverbs 1:7)

“Fools despise wisdom and instruction”

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Wisdom is received to the degree we humble ourselves to receive counsel, advice, reproof and correction.

Question: Is wisdom really that important to me pastor?

Answer: (Proverbs 4:7) “**Wisdom** is the principal (or supreme) thing, therefore get wisdom”.
(It’s a command)

Question: Is it really that beneficial?

Answer: (Ecclesiastes 7:19) “**Wisdom** strengthens the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city”. **(In other words** – wisdom from God is more beneficial than your 10 closest friends).

Questions: How many of you want God’s wisdom in every area of your life?

Question: How many of you want the fruit of godly consequences because you’re willing to make the choice of wise decisions?

(The Secret?)

◆ **Prayer** ◆ **The Word** ◆ **Reverence** ◆ **Obedience** ◆ **Humility**

(What’s The Altar Call?)

- #1. Acknowledge Jesus in the midst of the church with all the wisdom you need for your personal life.
- #2. Remove every obstacle (anything questionable) in your life that hinders His wisdom from flowing to you!

- ◆ Put it under the blood!
- ◆ Put it out of the way!
- ◆ Put it behind you once and for all!

Altar Call

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