

# The Fear of the Lord is the **BEGINNING** of Wisdom

## THE VALUE OF WISDOM: Proverbs 2 v 1 - 11

- <sup>1</sup> My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you,
- <sup>2</sup> So that you incline your ear to wisdom, *And* apply your heart to understanding;
- <sup>3</sup> Yes, if you cry out for discernment, *And* lift up your voice for understanding,
- <sup>4</sup> If you seek her as silver, And search for her as *for* hidden treasures;
- <sup>5</sup> Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.
- <sup>6</sup> For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding;
- <sup>7</sup> He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He* is a shield to those who walk uprightly;
- <sup>8</sup> He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.
- <sup>9</sup> Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity *and* every good path.
- <sup>10</sup> When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul,
- <sup>11</sup> Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you.



## GUIDANCE OF WISDOM: Proverbs 3 v 1 - 6

- <sup>1</sup> My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands;
- <sup>2</sup> For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.
- <sup>3</sup> Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart,
- <sup>4</sup> *And* so find favour and high esteem In the sight of God and man.
- <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
- <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path.

## Romans 8:26

**Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered.**

# Prayer for South African Government

Father, in Jesus' Name, we give thanks for South Africa and its government. We hold up in prayer before You, the men and women who are in positions of authority, We pray and intercede for the president, the representatives, and the premiers, the judges of our land, the policemen and the policewomen, as well as the mayors and for all those who are in authority over us in any way. We pray the Spirit of the Lord rests upon them.

We believe that skillful and godly wisdom has entered into the heart of our president and knowledge is pleasant to him. Discretion watches over him; understanding keeps him and delivers him from the way of evil and from evil men.

Father, we ask that You encompass the president about with men and women who make their hearts and ears attentive to godly counsel and do that which is right in Your sight. We believe You cause them to be men and women of integrity who are obedient concerning us that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. We pray that the upright shall dwell in our government ... that men and women blameless and complete in Your sight, Father, shall remain in these positions of authority, but the wicked shall be cut off from our government and the treacherous shall be rooted out of it.

Your Word declares that "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Ps. 33:12). We receive Your blessing. Father, You are our Refuge and Stronghold in times of trouble (high cost, destitution, and desperation). So we declare with our mouths that Your people dwell safely in this land, and we prosper abundantly. We are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus!

It is written in Your Word that the heart of the king is in the hand of the Lord and that you turn it whichever way You desire. We believe the heart of our leader is in Your hand and that his decisions are divinely directed of the Lord.

We give thanks unto You Lord, that the good news of the Gospel is published in our land. The Word of the Lord prevails and grows mightily in the hearts and lives of the people. We give thanks for this land and the leaders You have given to us, in Jesus' Name.

**JESUS IS LORD OVER SOUTH AFRICA! AMEN.**

### Scripture References:

1 Timothy 2:1-3; Deuteronomy 28:10-11; Proverbs 2:10-12, 21,22 Romans 8:37 AMP; Proverbs 21:1; Psalm 9:9; Acts 12:24

## The Body of Christ

Father, I pray and confess Your Word over the Body of Christ at Alberton Christian Fellowship. I pray that Your people be filled with the full, deep and clear knowledge of Your will in all spiritual things. I pray they live and conduct themselves in a manner worthy of You, Lord, fully pleasing to You and desiring to please You in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing and increasing in and by the knowledge of You, with fuller, deeper and clearer insight.

I pray that the Body of Christ will be invigorated and strengthened with all power, according to the might of Your glory, to exercise every kind of endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to You, Father, Who has qualified and made them fit to share the portion that is the inheritance of the saints (God's holy people) in the light. You, Father, have delivered and drawn them to Yourself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and have transferred them into the Kingdom of the Son of Your love, in Whom they have their redemption through His blood, which means the remission of their sins.

Father, You delight at the sight of the Body of Christ at Alberton Christian Fellowship, standing shoulder to shoulder in such orderly array and the firmness and the solid front and steadfastness of their faith in Christ, leaning on Him in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom and goodness. They walk — regulate their lives and conduct themselves — in union with and conformity to Him, having the roots of their being firmly and deeply planted in Him, being continually built up in Him, becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in the faith.

Your people, Father, clothe themselves as Your own picked representatives — Your chosen ones, who are purified and holy and well-beloved by You — by putting on behaviour marked by tender-hearted pity and mercy, kind feelings, gentle ways and patience. They have the power to endure whatever comes with good temper. They are gentle and forbearing with each other; and, if they have a grievance or complaint against another, readily pardon each other. As You, Lord, have freely forgiven them, so do they also forgive.

Your people put on love and enfold themselves with the bond of perfectness, which binds everything together completely in ideal harmony. They let the peace from Jesus act as umpire continually in their hearts — deciding and settling with all finality all the questions that arise in their minds — in that peaceful state to which they are called. They are thankful, appreciative, giving praise to You always.

The Body of Christ lets the Word spoken by Christ, the Messiah, have its home in their hearts and minds. It dwells in them in all richness as they teach, admonish and train each other in all insight, intelligence and wisdom in spiritual songs, making melody to You. Father, with Your grace in their hearts.

And whatever they do in word or deed, they do everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus and in dependence upon His person, giving praise to You, Father, through Him! In Jesus' Name, amen.

### Scripture References:

Colossians 1:9-14 amp Colossians 2:5-7 amp Colossians 3:12-17 amp