

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday December 4, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Advent Candle: 'Peace' Tiffany Cerone

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading Job 28

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

WHERE TO FIND WISDOM

Lord's Table

Benediction

“What does the Bible mean when it calls God wise? In Scripture wisdom is a moral as well as an intellectual quality, more than mere intelligence or knowledge, just as it is more than mere cleverness or cunning. For us to be truly wise, in the Bible sense, our intelligence and cleverness must be harnessed to a right end. Wisdom is the power to see and the inclination to choose, the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it. Wisdom is, in fact, the practical side of moral goodness. As such, it is found in its fullness only in God. He alone is naturally and entirely and invariably wise.”

- J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

Missionary of the Week

Arab World Media (Maarifa)

“Thank you for your recent gift to Arab World Media. Your gift allows us to develop and produce new strategies and programming for the Arabic language Maarifa ministry. One of our newest projects is *The Word of Truth*, an audio-visual Bible teaching program designed specifically for people from the Arabian Peninsula. It is a ten-part animated series that will be launched in 2017. Many new believers from a Muslim background have no one to mentor and disciple them. We are praying that *The Word of Truth* will help meet that need. Four episodes have been finished with six more to go. Pray that the series will be completed and ready to launch in January 2017. Pray that it would be widely shared and that many would learn new things about the Bible and the message of Jesus, resulting in seeds being planted, watered and nurtured.”

Families of the Week

Please remember to pray for and to encourage the following people this week

<u>Monday</u>	Raso, Toni
<u>Tuesday</u>	Riesebosch, Jane
<u>Wednesday</u>	Robinson, Percy & Sheila Mckalah, Maya, Michael
<u>Thursday</u>	Sarides, Costa & Isabel
<u>Friday</u>	Sarides, Nick
<u>Saturday</u>	Schoenfeldt, Darryl & Diane

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Waffle Breakfast – 9:00 am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am
Christmas Luncheon – 12:00 pm

Ladies' Waffle Breakfast: Saturday December 10th at 9:00am. This year we are privileged to welcome Chantal Dube, a professional harpist, who will be performing some Christmas music. Tickets can be purchased from Anita Nagy for \$5.

Christmas Luncheon: Next Sunday (December 11th) you are invited to remain after the morning worship service for our Christmas Luncheon. Food will be provided so there is no need to bring anything.

Benevolent Offering/ Envelopes: On the first Sunday of every month we collect a special benevolent offering that is used to meet special needs that arise within our Church family. If you would like to contribute to the benevolent fund over and above your regular tithe or offering please specify on your envelope. If you are new to Rosedale and would like envelopes for 2017 please speak with Esther Denis.

Open Arms Food Collection: For the month of December we will be collecting dry pasta for the ministry of Open Arms. All non-perishable food donations can be placed in the bin located in the front foyer.

Where to Find Wisdom - Job 28

I. The Pursuit of Wealth (vv. 1-11)

- 1) The Object of Man's Pursuit
 - a. Valuable Minerals and Jewels (vv. 1,6)
 - b. Useful Metals and Materials (v. 2)
- 2) The Creativity of Man's Pursuit
 - a. Digging deep underground
 - b. Producing artificial light (v. 3)
 - c. Smelting and Refining the Ore (v. 2)
- 3) The Tenacity of Man's Pursuit
 - a. Working far away from home (v. 4a)
 - b. Working in dangerous conditions (v. 4b)
 - c. Going where the bravest and most noble of God's creatures have never set foot (vv. 7-8)
 - d. Damming up streams to uncover the location of hidden minerals and gems (v. 11)

I. The Pursuit of Wisdom (vv. 12-28)

- 1) Job's Question: *'Where can wisdom be found?'* (v. 12)
 - a. Not in the land of the living (v. 13b)
 - b. Not in the most remote and inaccessible parts of planet earth (v. 13)
 - c. Not in the grave (v. 22)
 - d. Not in the store (vv. 15-19)
- 2) Job's Conclusion: *'Man does not know its worth'* (v.13)
 - a. We humans pursue wealth with far more enthusiasm than we pursue wisdom: *"Go to the miners, then, thou sluggard in religion; consider their ways and be wise"* – Matthew Henry
 - b. No commodity is more valuable in this life than wisdom (cf. Proverbs 3:13-20)
 - c. We will not pursue heavenly wisdom as long as we remain content with earthly counterfeits
 - i. Wisdom is not the same thing as knowledge.

ii. Wisdom is not the ambition or ability to amass wealth and power (cf. James 3:13-18).

3) The Source of Wisdom

- a. God alone knows where wisdom can be found
 - i. Wisdom is a divine attribute – it is perfectly expressed in God alone (cf. Romans 16:27)
 - ii. Wisdom is a communicated attribute – God is eager to share His wisdom with us !
- b. Wisdom is defined in Scripture as 'the fear of the Lord' (v. 28, cf. Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 9:10, 15:33)
 - i. Reverence for God's holiness
 - ii. Humility in God's presence
 - iii. Turning away from all evil and sin
 - iv. Love for God's commandments
- c. Jesus Christ is the embodiment of God's perfect wisdom (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:24; Colossians 2:3; Proverbs 8)

Application Points:

- Human beings will go to almost any length to obtain what they treasure the most. How much do you value wisdom and to what degree are you pursuing it? Are you looking for wisdom in the right place?

- Like Job's friends it is possible to have abundant knowledge without having wisdom. The world is filled with 'intelligent fools', so be discerning and understand the difference between knowledge and wisdom.

- Trials can sometimes be God's way of revealing our desperate need for His wisdom and exposing our counterfeits. Wisdom from God is often gained in the crucible of affliction and trouble.

- Gaining wisdom does not mean that we will get answers to all of the 'why' questions we ask. It does mean that God will give us the resources we need to apply Biblical knowledge correctly and to live in a way that pleases Him and advances His purposes.