

# **REAL TREASURE**

## **Job 28**

**Those who are wise have real treasure.**

### **I. ADMIRATION: Man's Industry** (1-11)

- An illustration from mining

#### **A. MAN'S SUPERIOR INGENUITY** (1-6)

- Harvesting what lies beneath the ground

1. Mining and refining precious and practical ores (1-2)
2. Putting technology to use (3-6)

#### **B. MAN'S SUPERIOR INSIGHT** (7-8)

- Seeing what animals can't

1. Falcons don't see what men see (7)
2. Lions don't see what men see (8)

#### **C. MAN'S SUPERIOR ENERGY** (9-11)

- Overpowering the resistance of natural resources

1. Overturning mountains (9)
2. Cutting tunnels (10)
3. Damming streams (11)

### **II. LIMITATION: Man's Inability** (12-22)

#### **A. MEN CAN'T DISCOVER WISDOM** (12-14)

1. Wisdom has no address (12)
2. Wisdom is not appreciated (13a)
3. Wisdom is not accessible (13b-14)
  - a. To humans: It is not found in the land of the living
  - b. Through nature: The deepest seas don't have it

#### **B. MEN CAN'T BUY WISDOM** (15-19)

1. Precious metals and gems can't purchase it
2. Wisdom is truly priceless ... it can't be bought

#### **C. MEN CAN'T PERCEIVE WISDOM** (20-22)

1. Men are confused (20)
2. Wisdom is concealed (21-22)
  - a. Hidden from living ones (21)
  - b. Only heard of by dead ones (22)

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### III. **REVELATION: God's Information** (23-28a)

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- He knows wisdom

#### A. HE IS SOVEREIGN (23-24)

1. God is all-knowing (23)
  - God alone can comprehend wisdom and knows exactly where it lives.
2. God is all-seeing (24)
  - He alone is able to see and sense the way His created order functions

#### B. HE IS SUPERIOR (25-26)

1. Harnessing and giving weight to the wind (25a)
2. Measuring and placing the seas (25b)
3. Limiting and controlling the rain (26a)
4. Directing and guiding the storm (26b)

#### C. HE IS SUCCESSFUL (27)

1. The wisdom of God > Wisdom active in creation - See Prov. 8:22-31
2. The work of God
  - a. At Creation: "And it was so" - Gen. 1:7, 9, 11, 15, 18, 24, 30
  - b. After Creation: "And it was good" - Gen. 1:10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31

#### D. HE IS SPEAKING! (28a)

1. Revealing Himself and His Word to humans
2. Informing ingenious but ignorant humans about God and godliness

### IV. **APPLICATION: God's Instruction** (28b)

#### A. DEVOTION TO GOD IS WISDOM

- The fear of the Lord is wisdom

1. Reverence: A submissive veneration and supreme adoration
2. Regard: Taking Him seriously, trusting Him completely
3. Respect: Honoring the Lord as Master (Adonai)

#### B. DEPARTING FROM EVIL IS UNDERSTANDING

1. An affection for God must lead to actions of godliness which allow no association with evilness
2. A pious regulation of life in accord with God's standards of holiness

### **CONCLUSION:**

***Job had real treasure:*** Not because he was wealthy, but because he was wise - Job 2:3

#### **How rich are you?**

- Do you have real treasure? Are you fearing God and departing from evil?

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