

The wisdom of God

A fear that's good - part 6

1. What do we wish for?

What did Solomon wish for? Wisdom

"You have made me king over a people who are as numerous as the dust of the earth. Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?"
2 Chronicles 1 v 8 - 10

2. Two types of wisdom:

Earthly wisdom is based on Envy and selfish ambition

Heavenly wisdom is Pure

"If you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such 'wisdom' does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.....But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure;" James 3 v 14 – 18

3. Four hallmarks of Solomon's wisdom

i) Solomon feared God

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."
Proverbs 9 v 10

ii) He really wanted it

"She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her." Proverbs 3 v 15

iii) Solomon showed humility

"But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties." 1 Kings 3 v 7

iv) It brought glory to God

"Everyone in Israel was amazed when they heard how Solomon had made his decision. They realized that God had given him wisdom to judge fairly." 1 Kings 3 v 28

4. God's unfathomable wisdom

i) It's too deep for us to understand

"Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!" Romans 11 v 33

ii) God created the world based on His wisdom

"By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place"
Proverbs 3 v 19

iii) Christ is the demonstration of God's wisdom and power

"...but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." 1 Corinthians 1 v 24