

Walk Through The Bible

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The Wisdom of Solomon

1. Wisdom of Solomon 4:1-20 Despite an Early Death, The Righteous Are Blessed!!!

- a. 1-6 In the face of a foreign culture and its loose morality, the righteous must always strive to be virtuous. To remember virtue is to come face to face with immortality. Virtue is valued by God and by mortals. Virtue is desired by all, prized by all, and missed by all. Better to be childless and with virtue than to be wicked and have a lot of illegitimate offspring. At the end of the day the ungodly will not bear the kind of fruit that is good. In the end the children of the wicked will bear witness against them.
- b. 7-20 The old Hebrew belief was that the righteous lived a long and productive life. But face with his present circumstances of young righteous people dying, the author must redefine "old age". The young righteous that go to an early grave are at rest, while the wicked who may seem to live long not only have troubles to face in this life, but also in the life to come. God seems to take the righteous so that evil will not have the opportunity to change their minds. The wicked will always be at a disadvantage because their understanding has been made dull, their desires have been perverted, and their hearts will be filled with contempt.

2. Wisdom of Solomon 5:1-23 The Final Judgment!!!

- a. 1-14 At the final judgment, the righteous will not only be vindicated, but the ungodly will see who was really operating in wisdom. The ones who were held up to the ridicule of this world and held in contempt will be the ones who will shine with the glory of God. The remembrance of the wicked and their time spent on earth will soon be forgotten-as if they had never been here!!!
- b. 15-23 The judgment for the righteous will be far more different. Like the Divine Warrior of Isaiah 59:17, God will bring them victory after victory and destroy all of their enemies.

3. *Wisdom of Solomon 6:1-25 Learn what True Wisdom Is!!!!*

- a. 1-11 Those who are in leadership roles are expected to follow wisdom. The God who gave them their authority to govern is also the one who expects them to seek wisdom. God will bring swift judgment on those who are in leadership roles who are not walking in wisdom. Seek for wisdom while you have the opportunity.
- b. 12-20 Wisdom is discerned by those who love her. She wants to be known by those who desire her. There are no difficulties in finding her. Wisdom enlightens the seekers' understanding. Wisdom is gracious to all who seek her. Those who have a teachable spirit will find her, and those who love her will find immortality.
- c. 21-25 Solomon is pictured as providing the secret to his own quest. Power and thrones cannot be placed before the quest for wisdom. Trace her course and do not allow envy to hinder you. It is the great crowd of the wise that save the world in the end and sensible stable kings are those who are instructed by her words.

4. *Wisdom of Solomon 7:1-30 How does one acquire wisdom???*

- a. 1-7 Everybody, including kings and rulers have a common beginning and a common end- the difference is their quest for wisdom.
- b. 8-14 Wisdom is to be preferred over the symbols of power, over riches, over wealth, health, and beauty. All things belong to her; all things flow from her. Whatever we receive from her we are obligated to give to others. Through wisdom one attains friendship with God.
- c. 15-22a Wisdom allows persons to make right judgments. Wisdom provides insights into how the world around us operates.
- d. 22b-30 In wisdom all the positive qualities come to light. She is a reflection of the image of God. God loves those who live by her instructions.

5. *Wisdom of Solomon 8:1-21 How to Win Wisdom???*

- a. 1-8 One needs to fall in love with wisdom and have an intimate relationship with her. Treat her as a bride and she will teach the four important virtues of Platonic and Stoic philosophy: self-control, prudence, justice, and courage. She will even help persons to solve riddles.
- b. 9-21 Wisdom will inspire respect among counselors; she will give immortality. Wisdom will impart the ability to govern and bring peace and joy to a home. Yet at the end of the day the author concludes that wisdom is a gift given by God-so ask Him for it!!!

6. Wisdom of Solomon 9:1-18 Pray for Wisdom.

- a. 1-6 The prayer begins with declaring the awesomeness of God and his dominion over the whole of His creation. Wisdom sits by His side and is not the product of human effort or achievement.
- b. 7-9 God chooses, orders and demands that certain things be done.
- c. 10-18 Wisdom however comes from the Lord who must send her down to mortals. She will guide, guard, discern, and clarify what needs to be done.