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PREFACE

Was The Wisdom of Jesus the same as the wisdom of Solomon? Regarding this question, The Old Testament and The New Testament seem to be radically different. What roles did Christ and Solomon play in reference to the truth?

You are about to discover what Jesus and Solomon laid out for you, so you could be made into *The Image of God*. God's methodology of teaching is quite different from main stream educational systems. In God's system there will never be a child left behind. Some governments say they care about all children in their district, but many children are left behind.

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INTRODUCTION

When Adam and Eve were created, they knew very little and were like innocent babies in a Kindergarten. God used trees, animals and the rest of creation as His teaching tools. They had the right to choose or follow every Word of God. However, they ate from The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. They chose to learn on their own, even though they were told such a choice would lead them to death.

Adam and Eve knew only how to live in Paradise, where God did the work and supplied all their needs. They had very little experience to make the right choice and when they had to leave The Garden, they had to survive on their own. Their only responsibility was to not ruin what God had given them. Everything was good in The Garden and when they moved, they had to do all the hard work to survive. Eve would give birth to children in great pain as a penalty.

God left them alone, but watched over them to make sure they were safe. They had not completely forsaken God and were thankful to have Him nearby. They felt freedom (as teenagers) without having God around all the time. They may have resented God's teachings. Now, they had to gain the wisdom of life on their own by choosing what is good or evil. If they did not choose rightly, they had to pay the penalties of life without God to survive.

THE SONS OF GOD

AND THE DAUGHTERS OF MEN

When Cain killed Abel, he was exiled to The Land of Nod. He joined his other brothers and sisters in The Land of Shinar (Babylon) (Genesis 10:10). Their mother, Eve, was the mother of all human generations (Genesis 3:20). All mankind (homo sapiens) came from Eve.

THE DIVIDING OF NATIONS

After the flood, as the different generations grew into many towns and cities, they soon intermarried and became a united people. Both The Sons of God and The Daughters of Men married each other and became a united people who forgot God. However, each partner kept worshipping their own god according to their own faith (man-made gods) (Genesis 6:2). Denominational theology was rife and became popular. The Sons of God were The Prophets of God, whose children rebelled and intermarried with children who believed in many other false gods (Genesis 5 and Hebrews 3:4).

After the flood, the known world had many gods with different faiths (Romans 1:23-25). The remnants that were faithful to The One True God were intermixed with those who did not care about God. They lived

in The City of Ur – a prominent city of The Babylonians. "Shinar" in Hebrew means "The Sumerians." Both pre-flood Sumerians and post-flood Sumerians existed. Abraham was born after the flood from the genealogy of Shem (Genesis 11). The true followers of God were dwelling with The Polytheists, like at the time of the flood when God's people were living along with the pagans. What was God to do? He divided the nations in The Days of Peleg (Genesis 10:25). In Hebrew, "Peleg" means "division."

In the beginning, God permitted man to live longer (many generations), giving them a chance to follow their predecessors and God. Unfortunately, in the end, they became evil and violent. Instead of choosing The One True God as their teacher, they continued as did Adam and Eve deciding good and evil on their own. God had to baptise "the world." He knew He would resurrect them later in The Last Days, so He allowed a flood to cover the known world. He saved only Noah and his family. Noah had always remained faithful to The Word of God.

At The Tower of Babel, God saw when mankind was left on their own – they were heading in the same direction as the pre-flood people. This time, God would cause "The Beast" to be injured and that is why He created different languages. The Sumerians lost their ability to communicate with one another. The people began uniting themselves with those who spoke the same language. Their carnal, beast-like human natures were wounded. The "wound" of The Beast was being healed (Revelation 13:3). God was ready to give

equal opportunity to other nations to repent and follow Him.

DAYS OF PELEG

Shem's generations after Arphaxad followed by Salah begetting Eber (Hebrew). Then, Eber had Peleg. "Peleg" means "to divide." It was in Peleg's day, God gave the nations of the world their own private inheritance (property) (Deuteronomy 32:7-10). All the children from Shem, Ham and Japheth had their own opportunity to turn to God. Only Abraham decided to follow The Voice of God and obey His teachings. The rest went their own way, following their own gods and continued to worship "the creation" instead of The Creator (Romans 1:25).

GOD'S INHERITANCE

During The Days of Peleg, God gave each of Noah's children (Shem, Ham and Japheth) their own inheritances. Shem received all of Mesopotamia extending to The Nile. Ham received Africa and Japheth received from Greece to Europe. All Sumerian records substantiate this division of languages. The Canaanites refused to honor Shem's inheritance and emigrated to Palestine. Wars once again became mankind's way of life, leaving no peace on earth, with each trying to take over the other's inheritance.

SARGON AND BABYLON

The Elamites in the northeast with The Ninevites un-

der Sargon started attacking the weakening Sumerians, who were controlling Mesopotamia. By 1700 B.C., The Sumerians no longer had a kingdom. The Assyrians under Sargon, now possessed a new Babylon. Sargon created his famous laws of "fair and honorable justice."

Before The Assyrians took over (the end of Sumeria), God told Abraham to leave for Haran in Southern Turkey. After the death of Abraham's father, God was ready to restore The Land of Canaan to The Family of Shem. Abraham was given his inheritance, because he had always obeyed the voice of God (Genesis 26:5). The Song of Moses was written explaining how God will be giving the different nations their individual inheritances (Deuteronomy 32:8-9).

THE TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

The Beast, who had been wounded was then healed. The second head of The Beast, under The Assyrians, would soon seek to conquer the world. This beast, which was the first to be wounded, was now healed. Now, The Beast was ready to conquer the known world surrounding The Great Sea of The Mediterranean. As a dragon, he would devour the people of God and end His rest.

THE TRUTH AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

Paul writes, mankind knew *The Truth of God* and understood He created all things. But instead of following God, they began to worship The Creation such as trees, animals, the heavens and themselves, as *gods* (Romans 1:21-23). They viewed *the physical universe* of God as divine (Romans 1:20). The Entire Gospel was always known about God making man in His "*image*." God gives "*knowledge*" to those who are teachable (Isaiah 28).

Over time, those who did not want to follow God began to deviate and began to intermarry with those worshipping many "other gods." So, He confused their languages and, finally, divided the land mass into separate inherited areas. Some of the nations were surrounded by oceans, seas and rivers. Because the nations were, continually, being divided, islands were

created and large areas became continents.

Those who worshipped The True God were taught and became wise. The Polytheists decided for themselves what was good or evil, "They held the truth in unrighteousness and were destined to receive The Wrath of God" (Paraphrased) (Romans 1:18). They knew better and when they understood they became responsible for their sins (John 9:41). But, The Polytheists were unteachable. By confusing their languages and dividing them, God allowed others to contaminate them with false "gods" and they could grow in faith at their own pace (Romans 1:17). The world could seek God by trial and error without debating or fighting. Those who sought The One True God Almighty were anxious to listen to The Word of God and thus, became The People of God through Abraham. Israel (The Twelve Tribes) were God's people, taught by Him (Matthew 23:9) and destined to be God's chosen people. Abraham and his generation became Israel – God's people.

ISAIAH'S PROPHECY

The Book of Isaiah gives the prophecy and history of His chosen people. He explains how He will Save The Nation of Israel. Isaiah, at times, obeyed The Word of God, but he also followed The Polytheistic faith. God changes His way of teaching, so the learner can in time come to trust Him to be able to receive The Give of Salvation.

When King David became Israel's king, he faithfully sought God. David knew, only too well, he had

sinned terribly. When he repented, God restored His Holy Spirit, so he could lead Israel as their King and Prophet (Psalm 51).

After David died, his son, Solomon, became King. Solomon built The Temple of God and The House of God, so He could dwell with His chosen people. Solomon prayed and asked God to give him a very special gift, "And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people which you have chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore your servant an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this your so great a people?" (I Kings 3: 7-9).

God accepted this change of heart, so he could be taught understanding and wisdom. With wisdom, he would know how to judge. Adam and Eve made the wrong choice. On the other hand, Solomon had a right state of mind and was able to be taught, even though as a baby, Solomon did not ask for Salvation or God's Holy Spirit, but only wanted wisdom to rule the people wisely. God granted Solomon his plea to judge and rule Israel justly.

WISDOM

The Hebrew word for "wisdom" is in the female gender known as "chokmah." "Gender" connotes its "point of origin." If "the gender is female, it means its source

is from human experiences." A "female" is defined "as born of a woman." Hebrew words (in the female or masculine) determine whether they are of human origin or God's personal words. The Hebrew word "Chokmah" is used for "human wisdom," which differs from The Word of God giving mercy, grace, resurrection, inheritance, Salvation, Spirit and Eternal Life – all tremendous and awesome gifts.

Solomon wanted to rule Israel with wisdom, because Israel was following God out of fear rather than faith. For this reason, God instituted *The Elder System*. The Elders, older and more mature men should be wiser than those just beginning life. They are to use The Word of God to help new Christians not make the same mistakes of man. Young men have little knowledge or facts to make *wise judgments*.

Solomon was granted this gift to experience life and learn to decipher wisdom from folly. That is why he wrote Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and The Song of Solomon. Spiritually, he could not control the weaknesses of his own flesh and took many women as wives and concubines. His personal life, because of his weaknesses, taught him the foolish examples of "life." That experience coupled with the gift of wisdom gave him all the tools a king needed. With wisdom, he could lead the evil ones to mend their ways.

With his intellectual genealogy, plus teachings of his father (King David), Solomon would see through the weaknesses of human nature, or "chokmah," which is "human wisdom," "And I gave my heart [desire] to seek

and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven [the earth]: this sore travail [painful] has God given to the sons of man to be exercised [experienced] therewith" (Ecclesiastes 1:13).

Solomon's words explain how his wisdom came from living this life. This wisdom was not a matter of Salvation, but how to get the most a life can offer. Solomon's conclusion, "I have seen all the works [human effort] that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity [for nothing] and vexation [stressful] of Spirit [life]" (Ecclesiastes 1:14).

Biblically, it is conclusive, Solomon's wisdom was gained by his personal life experiences, not a pathway to Eternal Life or Salvation in Paradise. Solomon only had one request – to be able to rule Israel wisely. It is only God who can give the human spirit understanding (Job 32:8). Being human, the best life offers are vexation and vanity. In the end you are left with death. A person only rents their body.

Being King, Solomon could have and do whatever he wanted. He satiated his every whim and desire. Whether one was wise, ignorant, powerful, great, poor, suffering, prosperous or whatever, here is the end of life for all, "Then shall the dust [body] return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return to God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, said the preacher; all is vanity" (Ecclesiastes 12:7-8).

The conclusion of life is, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his command-

ments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). By keeping God's Commandments, one can live the best human life possible. However, there is no guaranteed Salvation – Salvation is a gift.

No matter how wise or powerful anyone is, in the end everyone dies. Why? "For God shall bring every work [human effort] into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

Adam and Eve had the same choice. Keeping The Commandments is every individual's duty, but in the end it will be unprofitable in The White Throne Judgment. Keeping God's Commandments will give you the best life, you can possibly want. But death always lies at the door. Remember, Salvation is a gift from God, "So likewise you, when you shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our [your] duty to do" (Luke 17:10). God expects you to keep His Commandments, so you can live this complicated life as uncomplicated as possible. Knowing better, being wise and keeping God's Commandments does not give you "The Gift" of Eternal Life. Remember, Salvation is a gift from God, one that demands a much higher level of wisdom than Solomon had.

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA

The Queen of Sheba, from Ethiopia, heard about "the wisdom" of King Solomon. Why was the king's wisdom so important to her? Surely, her search was not simply to attain wisdom. Solomon was not the only one known to be wise. An entire philosophical group of èlites, known as Gnostics, were worldly-wise and claimed spiritual wisdom. Solomon gained a world-wide reputation for being The Wise One for a very good reason.

THE WISE GREEKS

Paul said, The Greeks were known as the wise from the nations and empires of their day. Barbarians, who were uneducated were the unwise (Romans 1). Why were The Greeks wise as opposed to the other nations? Paul knew the difference. When Paul was in Athens, he went to Mars Hill where The Parthenon was located. The people had fifty Greek gods that they honored. The Greek Athenians and visitors used to worship these gods (Acts 17).

Paul, being an educated Roman citizen, knew Greek history and was aware that the inhabitants of Greece were wise also. On his way up the hill he stopped by an altar titled, "To The Unknown God." (Read all of Acts 17). Paul said, he wanted to tell them about this "unknown god" since He was so unknown to them.

THE MYSTERY OF GOD

Paul explains the Mystery of "Christ — In You" (Colossians 1:27). "Christ is God's Mystery – In You" for a very special reason. Jesus is The Author of your Salvation (Hebrews 12:2). Amazingly, His Mystery was not known from the beginning. Many individuals along with The Prophets and the angels wondered about this mystery (1 Peter 1:10-12). How was God going to give Salvation through The Spirit of Christ and His suffering? They did not know how God would allow this Salvation to come about and never understanding, how or when, Christ would come. The Prophets and the angels did not fully understand about Christ and Salvation, but only knew a Messiah was to come. Christ's mission was To Save The World (I John 4:14). The wise of the world were always looking for a Savior to give them a good life.

This is the message Paul preached to The Athenians. He said it was God, Almighty who builds all things and The Only One who has the power to give life to everyone (Acts 17:25). What is the way in which God gives that life? Here is Paul's answer, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commands all men everywhere to repent. Because he has appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man [Christ] whom he has ordained; whereof he has given assurance to all men, in that he has raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31). The idolatrous Athenians knew The True God made all things, but did not understand much more. They certainly did not know when or who The Messiah was. In fact, they

knew nothing about His death or His resurrection. But, you, my friend, are ready to discover what they did not know. However, The Athenians were willing to learn about The One True God (Hebrews 3:4). They doubted Paul, when he tried to explain The Mystery of God, which was "Christ – In You." This was the first time, they had heard a preacher disclose this "Mystery – In Christ." Since they had never heard about The Messiah or Savior, who was to die for them, they rejected Paul's preaching. They were like The Prophets and the angels who did not know who The Messiah was or when He would come. They would consider this Mystery of Christ dying for mankind's sins and then resurrected.

The Queen of Sheba knew Solomon was the son of David and was to be listed in the genealogy of The Messiah, The Son of God. The Queen of Sheba sought Solomon's wisdom concerning The Messiah and historically had a child with Solomon. The Ethiopians believe this fact to this day. As Mother of The Son of God, The Queen would be The Queen of Heaven like Isis in Egyptian history. The Egyptians believed The Queen of Heaven to be Ishtar.

THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

Solomon's wisdom grew as King and He became a worldwide renown leader. His fame was so enormous, many leaders, including The Queen of Sheba (Ethiopia) came seeking him.

Why did The Queen of Sheba feel it was necessary to seek his wisdom? Amazingly, her search was for political reasons. According to Ethiopian history, she had sexual relations with Solomon and bore a male child. Why was having Solomon's child so important to her? Jesus gives some insight into this question, "Jesus cried and said, He that believes on me, believes not on me, but him [God] that sent me. And he that sees me sees him [God] that sent me" (John 12:44-45). Jesus said, "Whoever believes on Him, actually witnesses that Christ is in The Exact Image of The Father" (Paraphrased) [Hebrews 1:1-3]. As The Son of God, He was like His Father, and had The Word of God in Him.

Just before Christ was taken to be crucified, He told the people, "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out" (John 12:31). Who will be allowed to be a witness at The Time of The Judgment? "The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold a greater than Solomon is here" (Matthew 12:42). The Queen of Sheba

knew Solomon's wisdom. She knew King David's lineage would reign forever. This was the promise God gave to David. Solomon was David's son. By having a child with Solomon, she could be The Queen Mother of The Davidic Promise and her son could possibly rule the world. At least, that is what she told her people, when she was pregnant.

Therefore, The Queen of The South would rise in judgment to condemn Christ's generation, because she believed Solomon's lineage would produce The Messiah, The Son of King David. The Queen would witness in the judgment, because she believed Jesus would be The Messiah born of David's genes. That may have been the reason she visited Solomon concerning his wisdom and perhaps initiated having a child by him, or so she said. Yet, those in Christ's day rejected Jesus as The Son of King David. This is the reason Jesus said, someone greater than Solomon will come in their day. He was The Promised Messiah. That is why Queen Sheba will be a witness for Christ in the judgment.

Solomon's wisdom was well known. Paul preached to The Athenians about *The Unknown God* worshipped by the world as a Mystery. It is important for you to know this same *mystery* exists today.

Solomon's wisdom included all known world history from The Time of The Garden of Eden to *The Promised Seed* in Genesis 3:15. It was necessary for Christ to be born and restore what was lost (Matthew 18:11).

WHO WAS JESUS?

Moses wrote the *prophecy* about a future Prophet. There would come one to *save* God's people and restore The Promised Land to them. Jesus would come from Moses' lineage (The Tribe of Levi). This Prophet would only speak The True Words of God. God had commanded Moses to lead His people (Deuteronomy 18:18). Jesus said, Moses knew about The *Christ to come* (John 5:14-52). Christ only spoke The Words of God and everything God commanded Him. Jesus was The Word of God. How did Jesus, as a man, know the *very words* of God?

GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus was human like you, but what was different about Christ? "And the angel answered and said to her [Mary], The Holy Ghost [Spirit] shall come upon you and the power of the highest shall overshadow you; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). God's Holy Spirit made Jesus to be God's Son. The angel said, "this was The Power of God." Christ said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit" (John 3:6). Mary, being a human felt her son, Jesus, was also human. The Holy Spirit of God made Christ spiritual (John 3:34). God's

Holy Spirit gives Christ and Christians – The Word of God. The difference between Jesus and Christianity is only Christ was given a full measure of The Word of God. Christians (followers of The Messiah) receive an earnest of The Spirit of God and that portion depends upon their hearts and faith.

Jesus comprises every facet of The Word of God. Here is Paul's definition of Christ, "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). "Doctrine" is not the issue, but "Christ – In You" is the aim for everyone to know the complete Truth of God. The Word of God is truth (John 17:17). Christ possessed the complete Words of God and has the very mind and thoughts of God. If you strive for the same Mind of Christ at some future time, God will give you The Mind of God (Philippians 2:5).

CHRIST AS THE AUTHOR

Christ is The Author as the genesis – the beginner to follow, in which to have faith, so you, also can become like God (Hebrews 12:2). Jesus is in the image of The Father. You also must grow spiritually to be like Jesus. Little by little, you will grow in Godly wisdom. The Wisdom of Jesus is very different from The Wisdom of Solomon.

GOD IS WISDOM

Christ received the many treasures of wisdom. Why is wisdom called a treasure (Colossians 2)? Actually, wisdom is a hidden treasure, or mystery and is for you to be "In Christ," given freely by God.

A "treasure" is defined as "something of great value." "The pearl of great price." Why does Jesus compare "a pearl" as being "a precious stone?" "Enter in at the strait gate: wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leads to destruction and many there be which go into thereat" (Matthew 7:13). What is this gate? "And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass" (Revelations 21:21). The pearl of great price represents "the gates," for you to enter The Kingdom of God.

"This hidden treasure," is The Wisdom of God. Godly wisdom can lead you to Paradise. "God's rest" is "The Kingdom of God." The Gospel is The Good News God reveals to you. The Greek for "wisdom" in Colossians 2 is "sophia." "Sophia" is defined as "wisdom." The goodness of God is "all of God's glory" (Exodus 33:18-19). The gates glisten as pearls and the streets sparkle with diamonds reflecting their beautiful, glowing images.

Wisdom and goodness have to do with God's thoughts

and superior intellect (Isaiah 55). Wisdom acquired by experience is never-ending. The Gift of Wisdom, given to Solomon, is known as worldly wisdom, which has to be grasped over time. This unending search, varies by what an individual is allowed to experience in their life.

Some people learn quickly, while others need a greater period of time experiencing life to get the point. Others do not bother and merely seek the pleasures of their daily life – this is called Babylon. That kind of life experience may be the reason Solomon was seeking worldly wisdom to rule his nation. God's wisdom made Solomon "great" with worldly wisdom. Jesus, as The Word of God, has all God's wisdom and goodness.

JOB'S DILEMMA

According to God, Job was a perfect and righteous man. Careful to follow God's word, he sacrificed animals in case his children had sinned. Job was afraid his family may be sinning, when they held family parties (in case Job was not there). In this way, he took great care to cover sins, even if none had occurred – called obedience. Why did everything go so wrong? God allowed Satan to test Job severely. His pain, suffering and personal loss was, as great, as it could be, for any human experience. God allowed Job, a righteous man, to suffer what most could not endure. What was the lesson Job had to learn? Elihu, Job's youngest friend, made an amazing statement about human nature, "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the almighty gives them understanding (Job

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32:8). Homo sapiens left to themselves lack intellectual ability to discern good and evil. Humans, when they do not receive any help from God, must learn the hard knocks of life on their own. However, they may not have the knowledge or the wisdom needed to make correct decisions. They must decipher good and evil for themselves. Remember, humans do not know the difference between good and evil. Jesus clearly solves the problem and reveals what humans must do to discern right from wrong, "Verily, verily I say to you, except a man be born of water [baptism] and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of god" (John 3:5).

Elihu, Job's friend and Jesus were in agreement. Homo sapiens do not have the natural wisdom to know right from wrong. As with Solomon – wisdom must be acquired by living life (through trial and error). Experiencing life is the only way to learn the difference between right or wrong. The problem of learning good and evil by human effort takes a great deal of time. Some individuals in ancient times lived to be 1,000 years old and still ended their lives in violence and wickedness (Genesis 6:11).

Solomon looked to God to give him the *natural wisdom* to discern what was good for Israel. Solomon was not repentant as in baptism, but God did give him human wisdom to live a good life in peace. Solomon was far from perfect, but his reign was one of peace and prosperity.

Job wanted to go before God's presence to be judged. Here is what Job learned when God corrected Job's thinking, "Shall he that contends with the Almighty instruct him? Then Job answered the Lord and said, I know that you can do everything and that no thought can be withheld from you. Who is he that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not" (Job 42:2-3).

Job, finally, comprehended being *self-right* is not the point. The wonderful part was being in The Kingdom of God, rather than just living a prosperous and peaceful life. Job finally repented, "Wherefore I abhor myself [his righteousness] and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:6). This is an amazing repentance. He did not say he repented in sackcloth and ashes, but in dust and ashes.

Job admitted, he would die and return to the dust, as Solomon said (Ecclesiastes 12). He felt he deserved to return to ashes in The Lake of Fire. Wow! Job understood. All his righteous works did not allow him to be in The Kingdom of God. Only God could teach spiritual wisdom and give knowledge. God is a Spirit and only He has The Wisdom of The Word. Christ said, "flesh is flesh" and "spirit is spirit" (John 3). Spiritual knowledge is only given to those who are teachable (Isaiah 28).

GOD AND WISDOM

There is a difference between Godly wisdom and human wisdom. Solomon was given human understanding as he experienced during his life. He knew how to have peace, prosperity and a long life. He ruled his people with righteous judgment. But Solomon did not know what the true purpose of life was. He concluded, if one wants to succeed in this human existence, you must keep God's Commandments. Is this the answer, or not?

Jesus, The Savior of The World understood the difference between worldly wisdom and spiritual wisdom. From The Word of God, Christ understood, you need spiritual wisdom, if you are to attain Salvation. Jesus will dispense all the wonderful hidden treasures of God (Hebrews 1:1-3).

GODLY WISDOM

"For the Lord gives wisdom: out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6). "Wisdom" is part of "the very attributes of God." It is what God is. "Proverbs" personifies "wisdom." "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the

How beautiful! God used His wisdom to create the universe and the earth. What does The Wisdom of God produce? (Reading all of Proverbs 8 will answer this mystery). Wisdom came from God and became The Word of God causing "the creation" to be. Godly wisdom is defined as, "All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them" (Proverbs 8:8). "Wisdom" and "righteousness" are "synonymous." They produce the same end. With The Wisdom of God, the results bring good works. When God completed His work on The Seventh Day, He claimed everything was very good (Genesis 1:31). Everything was created by The Wisdom of God.

The Gospel, God's Good News, was ready to transpire. The prophecy of The Kingdom of God had its genesis on that first Sabbath Day. Everything according to The Wisdom of God was predestinated. Now it was left to mankind to make the right choices to achieve their Salvation (Ephesians 1:4-5).

GOD'S SABBATH REST

When God finished His Work in six days, He rested. He made The Seventh Day Holy, because all His Work was "very good" (Genesis 1:31). The Garden of Eden was only the beginning of God's purpose. The wisdom of God created the universe, the earth, animals and man perfectly. This blueprint plan was merely a beginning for the future. God's creation was to be a, continually, growing Paradise and needed someone to care for it. The Plan of Creation from God will be a

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continually, building process in the future. Adam and Eve's job was not to ruin any of God's accomplishments. Adam and Eve were given the responsibility to keep The Garden as God created it. God wanted The Garden to be a real Paradise, as an inheritance (Genesis 2:28). Adam and Eve lacked Godly wisdom to remain in God's rest. God wanted them to keep what He created in good order.

Adam and Eve were innocent, as little children and did not even realize they were naked. Satan came along and taught them about sex before they were ready. God was furious. Adam and Eve could not even care for themselves, let alone have children. Fifty years ago, the unlearned tried to institute sex education to first graders. They did not have the wisdom to comprehend the responsibilities of sex. Adam and Eve did not live long enough (the hard way) to ask God for spiritual wisdom. Satan held the same reasoning in wanting innocent children to learn about "sex" before they were ready. Satan did his job only too well. This results in a disaster for both the parents and children. From God's great love for them, Adam and Eve chose to learn on their own. They did not want to honor their Father and allow Him to teach them. He had to banish them from The Tree of Life. To give them Eternal Life at this juncture in their lives would have been harmful to them. If they had lived forever, they would have destroyed God's Kingdom of Rest. Now, like Solomon, they had to experience good and evil just to gain worldly wisdom and be able to live in peace. God did not consider giving spiritual wisdom at this time. God knew, they wanted to learn on their own. Without God, they had to grow in *faith* to avoid all the vexation, stress and pain of human life. They needed to desire complete *faith* and *trust* in their Father.

WHAT IS MAN?

The Psalmist said, "What is man, that you are mindful of him" (Psalm 8). How would you describe a human? Man was created on The Sixth Day of creation. Man is of the animal kingdom. How is it you become a homo sapien with superior intellect?

"But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty gives them understanding" (Job 32:8). Unless God bestows understanding, a person cannot be any different from all the other animals. Humans walk upright, as apes do. In Science, you are known as homo sapiens and not hominid erectus.

Adam and Eve were homo sapiens with a God-given understanding as an exclusive "Spirit – In Man," which is not given to animals. Unlike the rest of the animals, they were given The Gift of Intelligence and able to think like God. Adam and Eve had this intelligence from their creation, but needed to mature from a child's understanding to an experienced, mature adult like Solomon. Intelligence is The Wisdom of Solomon, "For you have made him [man] a little lower than the angels, and have crowned him with glory and honour" (Psalm 8:5). Both angels and mankind have the same "spirit of intelligence," as both can reason and be creative, unlike the rest of the animal king-

dom. How are humans lower than the angels? Angels, from their creation are composed of spiritual bodies. Humans have physical bodies, but these are only temporary. Those bodies will return to dust at the end of life. Angels, on the other hand, in their spiritual bodies, cannot die. How simple! In every other respect, except your different bodies (spirit or physical), you are the same. Both angels and humans were created to be servants of God. Angels are ministering spirits, who minister to humans and are heirs to The Kingdom of God (Hebrews 1:14).

"Minister" in Greek means "a servant." God made the angels to serve Him to help you to be made in "The Image of God" (Genesis 1:26). As spiritual beings, they know what a "spirit" is, but mankind does not. God's purpose for creating angels is to help you become spirits like God. This is the reason, you are going to judge the angels as witnesses concerning the job they are doing (I Corinthians 6:3). Angels are God's teaching assistants to make you into a spirit being.

The "Spirit – In Man" as homo sapiens has the natural ability to reason with your ability to imagine different situations which can be either good or bad. You have the ability to be logical, but being inexperienced in life, you can only guess what is right or wrong. As humans, you cannot reason, as God can. The best you can do is deduce by observation. Over many attempts you try to prove what is best, but still do not know for certain since you live for only short periods of time. God once allowed individuals to live hundreds of years, giving them ample time to learn to be righ-

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teous. For this reason, Solomon with earthly wisdom concluded, you do not have the intellect to know what righteousness is. Solomon said, "Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). You need The Mind of God to receive The Knowledge of Good and Evil.

You must desire to have God *crown* you with "glory" and "honour" (Psalm 8:5). The Glory of God reveals all of God's goodness. Solomon's wisdom is not enough for you to be an heir of The Kingdom of God. Humans need to become exactly like God and Jesus (Hebrews 3:1-3). To intellectually know good from evil, you need The Mind of God (Philippians 2:5). You need The Wisdom of Jesus — God's "spiritual wisdom."

THE SPIRIT IN CHRIST

If you have human wisdom, you will still lack The Mind of Christ and God. Jesus said concerning His Disciples, "That they [disciples] all may be one; as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:21). There you have it. What you just read is the real trinity. God, Christ and you will become "One" – in The Image of The Father.

Jesus had something given to Him, as a human, that no other human possessed. What did The Messiah have that was so radically different from any angel or human? It was The Holy Spirit of God. Jesus from His birth received The Holy Spirit of God with the power, that made Him Holy (Luke 1:35). Without that "gift" from God, Jesus would have been completely human and could not have accomplished what He did. When you lack The Holy Spirit of God, you possess only human tendencies. At birth, you do not know or have the ability to understand good and evil. All humanity is born "in sin" because you lack the ability to know the huge difference between good and evil.

You need to receive The Holy Spirit of God by *adoption* from your human parents. Christ, had The Holy Spirit which made Him – The First Begotten Son of God. God adopts you from your human parents to

become Sons of God (Ephesians 1:5). Before the foundation of the world, you have been predestinated to become future Sons of God.

From Christ's birth, what did He have to overcome? Remember, He had the advantage of The Holy Spirit of God to lead Him into all truth. Christ with "human pulls" had the same tests all humans experience. Your Messiah had a greater test to prove by His faith and love for God than any human.

God's Holy Spirit led Him into "the truth" with The Word of God. He would have been found guilty had He committed the smallest sin such as telling a white lie, "Jesus said to them, If you were blind [not knowing], you should have no sin: but now you say, We see; therefore your sin remains" (John 9:41).

Christ questioned before carrying out any act, if it was right or wrong. There would be no excuse. He had to have perfect "faith" to choose "rightly." If He had sinned once, you would not have a Messiah. He had to live by every Word of God without any mistakes. In His life, Christ was perfect like His Father through His faith (Matthew 5:48).

ONLY FAITH SAVES

Human works can never give you Salvation. Only faith justifies you. The unpardonable sin is the blasphemy of The Holy Spirit. Do not turn your back on God, because when He is ready, He will grant His gift of The Holy Spirit to you(Matthew 12:31-32).

THE FINAL TEST

Jesus proved His faith – when He fed the four and five thousand people and also when He walked on water. But, what was the greatest test of faith? "And he that takes not his cross [die], and follows after me, is not worthy of me. He that finds his life shall lose it: and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 10:38-39). This could not be any clearer. If Jesus had not lived His life, completely sinless and had not sacrificed His life by His free will, He would not be The Messiah. God would have had "another born" who lived by every Word of God. That human would have had to give His life, as The Scriptures required (Hebrews 10:5).

CHRIST'S SACRIFICE

Can one man's sacrifice pay for all the world's sins? The answer is "yes" and "no." But there is a condition. If Jesus had not fulfilled every Word of God, He could not have been perfect like God. Jesus could not have been your Savior. God prepared The Body to be accepted as the sacrifice to pay for the world's sins. It is The One True God who does the work, as Man could never do God's work or Christ's deeds. God's power of His Holy Spirit led Jesus to the truth. If Jesus did not live by every Word of God in faith, He could not be The Author of Your Salvation. Jesus, as The Son of Man, had to display faith which God gave Him to be The Word of God. God always does the work which no human could do. Our Messiah proved a human could overcome His human nature to sin. With God's

help by His Holy Spirit which, given the knowledge of truth, you can overcome sin. Your works take faith and trust in God (Revelations 1:5). The same faith and trust in God, Christ had.

Jesus was faithful in all of God's word. God did the work — "In Him," "Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe on him who he has sent" (John 6:29). Christ was The Wisdom of God who is a Spirit. This is the reason God wants you to worship Him — "In Spirit." This is spiritual wisdom. God is a spirit and gives you His spiritual wisdom which was — "In Christ" (John 4:24). Therefore, by your Messiah's faith and God's given wisdom He lived by every Word of God (Revelation 1:5). With The Holy Spirit — you, too, can live by all of God's words.

SOLOMON TO JESUS

God gave Solomon the gift of understanding to rule Israel wisely. Jesus, as The Word of God, was granted The Gift of God's Holy Spirit to have the spiritual wisdom He needed. This gift was bestowed upon Jesus as The Son of God to Save The World (I John 4:14).

Solomon tried to teach Israel to fear God and keep His Commandments. This teaching was the only way Israel could prosper, have peace and safety. So Israel could seek out the best for their lives. Israel learning this precious reality was to, eventually, lead them to Christ, which was the real reason for The Law (Galatians 3:14). The Law spelled out good and evil, so everyone could know what sin was. If they exercised faith, they could succeed. Malachi testified about The Messiah. The Good News was The Gospel of Christ (Mark 1:1). Now Israel, as God's people, were to be taught the *spiritual wisdom* of The Gospel of The Kingdom of God. As The Word of God, Jesus was to witness "The Word of God." He was God's "work" which was The Very Word of God.

THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

John, The Baptist made a startling proclamation that

He had "the spirit of Elijah," "You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him." Why was John sent? All of God's people had been expecting The Coming of The Messiah for generations.

Why was John's "coming" so important? "He that has the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled" (John 3:29). Israel's Messiah, The Savior would come as their Bridegroom. The Groom has a specific commission to accomplish. God must give His consent for Jesus to marry The Bride. Only The Father can approve who the bride can be and when The Wedding Feast can take place. There were many virgins from which Jesus could choose. Some wise, and some not so wise. As Jesus came for His Bride, the question was, "Would she choose Him and was she the woman to be His Bride?" They had dated for three years. Then, Jesus said, "Did you never read in the scriptures, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner" (Paraphrased) (Acts 3:11). This is The Lord's doing and is truly marvelous. What was their Groom telling them?

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Which stone did the builders reject? "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? And in your name have cast out devils? And in your name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess to them, I never knew you: depart

from me, you that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:22-23).

Israel was the people of God and were waiting for their Messiah. Why did He reject them? Because they were full of *iniquity*, *evilness* and *greed*. Then, they committed more horrendous deeds. Jesus continues with His subject by comparing builders who build their house on a rock. Nothing can destroy a house built on this *stone* – perfect to withstand all attacks. For those who build on *sand*, their houses will fall apart quickly by any onslaught of extreme weather. Jesus tells the parable of those rejecting a stone house and using sand, "And the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house and it fell and great was the fall of it" (Matthew 7:27).

Because His *Bride* was full of iniquity and desecrating The House of God and The Bride – The Temple of God by using inferior methods rejected His Bride - The People of Israel. That is why He was angered, when He saw The Temple of God being corrupted by "greed." This House of God, where The Wedding Feast was to be held, was inferior because it was built on sand. His Bride was corrupt and used God's Holy Temple for personal profit. This house was destroyed in 70 A.D. – and not one stone was left. The Groom decided what to do after His bride's rejection, "Jesus said, did you never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes? Therefore say I to you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder" (Matthew 21:42-44).

Because The Bride rejected Jesus and was full of corruption, The House of God – The Temple of God was destroyed. Another House of God would be built upon this stone which will become the corner stone of a new Temple. This Temple must be Holy by showing the fruits of Righteousness completely, perfect in every sense. God will not approve just any bride who does not meet the standards of perfection (Matthew 5:48).

All nations are virgins and Jesus must now choose a new bride whom He and The Father approve. This woman must produce good fruit while living her life. Will she be from Israel as The Bride or The Church of God with The Gentiles included? God gave Peter the answer. In a vision, Peter is shown many unclean animals and God tells him to eat them. He refuses and God tells him what God has cleansed, call "not common or unclean." The question becomes, how does God make unclean animals clean? "But in every nation he that fears him and works righteousness is accepted with him" (Acts 10:35). That is it.

Not Israel or The Church of God is to be *The Bride* of Christ, nor anyone from any nation. Those from The Tribes of Israel or from The Gentiles can become *The Bride* of The Groom. In the past, they may have been unclean. Now, they have been cleansed and all who choose can follow Jesus and God. But the choice is conditional for both. Paul describes how The Church of God is cleansed and made ready by Jesus, while

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He is gone (Ephesians 5). His Engagement Ring, is The Holy Spirit of God, which keeps the potential wife aware of *the truth* with His promise to return.

Both The Jews and The Gentiles, if they remain faithful need to ready themselves to be His wife, "Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to him: [Groom] for the marriage of the Lamb is come" (Revelation 19:7). It is The Lamb – The Groom – who received the honor, because The Bride of The Israelites and The Gentiles will have made themselves ready. The Bride of Christ is conditional by growing into the likeness of The Groom who is in "The Image of God." Paul writes, "This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:32).

"The church" is "the ecclesia" in Greek, which includes both The Messianic Jews and The Gentiles. What is this Great Mystery? Who in the church (Israel and The Gentiles) will be chosen to be The Wife of Christ? They will be from all nations and will make themselves ready to be worthy to be The Groom's "wife." Who will become The Wife of Christ? preach, warning every man [world] and teaching every man in all wisdom [physical and spiritual] that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Colossians 1:28). These are the clear words that explain spiritual growth. This growth demands you make wise choices to be like The Groom, Jesus Christ. Here is what The True Bride of Christ needs to have, "In whom [Christ] are hid all treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). The wisdom of Solomon leads you to The Wisdom of Christ, so you can become The Bride of

Christ.

You have a short time to get ready and be worthy to become The Bride. Jesus is kind, loving, handsome, wealthy and the most honorable Groom the world will ever know. His Father wants you to be His daughter-in-law. Pray and study to find yourself approved, so God will be happy to have you be The Bride for His Son. Talk about The Bride of The Ages – your time has come. Your wedding dress will be the finest ever. Your Reception will be the talk of the world. You will be The Bride of The Most Perfect being ever – The Son of God. And all will come to pass with The Only One God, The Creator, The Almighty. You can decide to make the right change – to be honorable and you will be there, too.