

A Dialogue with Wisdom

Proverbs 8:22-23, 30-36

Old
Testament
Story Time

When King Solomon, the son of King David, first became King of Israel the Lord God offered to give him anything he wanted. Instead of asking for riches or power, King Solomon asked the Lord God for wisdom to lead the nation of Israel. With his great wisdom, King Solomon wrote thousands of proverbs and poems and collected lots of knowledge.

King Solomon was known as the wisest man in the ancient world. The Book of Proverbs in the Bible is attributed to King Solomon, although he might not have written all the proverbs in the book.



A proverb is a short and clever saying that offers wisdom. The Book of Proverbs in the Bible gives many clever sayings to help us live a good and virtuous life. The virtue of wisdom is not only about knowledge and knowing things, but is also a gift to help a person make the right decisions. The gift of wisdom helps a person see, know and understand things at a human level, as well as how God sees, knows and understands things. This knowledge then helps the person make good decisions in life.

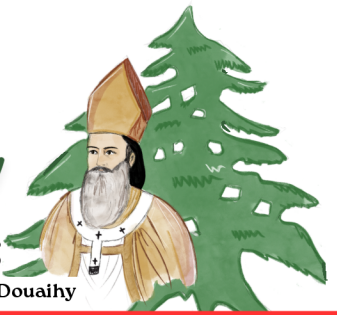


Therefore, the Book of Proverbs offers lots of little tidbits of information to help us think about things as God does, and to act as God would like us to act.

Today's reading from the Book of Proverbs tells us how important it is to have wisdom. We are told that "happy are they who keep my ways," meaning the way of wisdom. The Bible tells us that anyone who finds wisdom finds life and wins favor from the Lord. Wisdom is a great and beautiful gift that helps us live happy and holy lives with our Lord.

Let us all pray for the gift of Wisdom!

Cedar Kids



The Way of Blessed Estephan Douaihy

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**"Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him
and make our dwelling with him."**

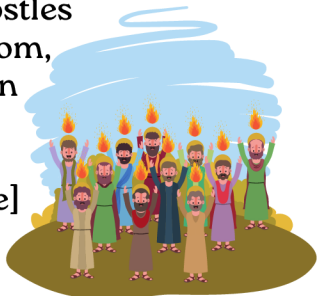




Gospel Corner

John
14:21-27

A few weeks ago, when we celebrated the feast of Pentecost, we learned about the Advocate. We learned that the Advocate is another name for the Holy Spirit and when the Advocate came and rested upon the Apostles on Pentecost, they were filled with wisdom, understanding, and were able to speak in many languages. The Advocate is mentioned again in this week's Gospel reading when Jesus says, "[the Advocate] will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you."



The Church teaches us that there are seven different gifts that we receive from the Holy Spirit at baptism: *wisdom, counsel, understanding, piety, fear of the Lord, fortitude, and knowledge*. These are gifts to help us live Holy lives and aid us in our journey to Heaven.

Let's look at two of these today.



Piety is respect, reverence, and attentiveness to God, the Church, and the saints. It also means worshiping God and honoring Him in the way He deserves.

Fear of the Lord does not necessarily mean being afraid of God, but it does mean having awe of His power and being careful not to separate ourselves from Him.

When you are baptized and confirmed, you have all seven of these gifts inside of you, but it's up to you to use them. It's important to pray and ask the Lord for help using the gifts He's given through the Advocate to live the life He's calling you to live!



Did you know?

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



In order to help us live good holy lives, the Holy Spirit (third Person of the Holy Trinity) gives us several gifts to assist in this difficult journey. The 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord - are considered special graces given to us by the Holy Spirit to help us live holy lives.

What you can do

Look up the Bible passages for the Old Testament and Gospel readings mentioned in this issue and read them for yourselves.

Pray for help recognizing and using the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you have within yourself.

Work on memorizing the titles of the books of the Bible.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit Word Scamble

Unscramble the words to reveal the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Then take the circled letters and unscramble them to reveal what liturgical season we are in currently.

1. D M W I S **O** _____
2. N S **C** U O E L _____
3. G N N U R D E I N **S** T A D _____
4. **E** A R F F O D G O _____
5. Y I **P** E T _____
6. W L O K N D **E** E G _____
7. **T** T F R I U D E O _____

We are in the season of: _____