

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* In our study of the book of Ecclesiastes, we have seen that though Solomon began his reign with a heart for YHWH and seeking His wisdom, he allowed his heart to be turned away from YHWH by his foreign wives to the point that he began to worship false gods.
- \* Solomon's apostasy was revealed in his secular, temporal philosophy of life and his pursuit of self-pleasure.
- \* Today, we will consider how Solomon's apostasy also affected the wisdom that God had graciously and supernaturally granted him.
- \* In our portion of Scripture we see the contrast between the wise and the fool. However, not always are those who are considered wise truly "wise" from a Biblical perspective.
- \* Before we consider the Declarations of Solomon regarding wisdom, the wise, and the foolish, we will want to consider the definition of the Hebrew terms and the Difference between worldly wisdom and heavenly wisdom.

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE D \_\_\_\_\_ OF TERMS****A. The Words for WISDOM**

1. Khokmah (H2451 חִכְמָה - wisdom); Khakam (H2449; H2450 חָכַם - wise; wisely)  
Genesis 41:8, 33, 39; Proverbs 2:6,10; 10:23,31; 11:2; 13:10; 14:33; 15:33
2. Sakal (H7919 שָׂכַל - prudent; intelligent)  
Genesis 3:6; 48:14; Joshua 1:7,8; 1 Samuel 18:5,14,15,30; Psalm 2:10; 119:99; Proverbs 14:35; 17:2; 19:14

**B. The Words for FOOL**

1. Sakal (H5528 סָכַל - silly; stupid; ignorant; H5531 sikluth - silliness)  
- OT: 1 Samuel 13:13; 26:21; 2 Sam 15:31; 24:10  
- NT: 1 Corinthians 1:18,20,21,23,25,27; 2:14; 3:18,19; Mark 7:22; Acts 17:30
2. Kesiy (H3684 כָּסִיף - rebellious)  
- OT: Proverbs 1:22; 10:1,18,23; 13:16,19,20; 14:7,8,16,24,33; 15:2,7,14,20; 17:10,12,16,21,24,25  
- NT: Matt 23:17,19; Luke 11:40 (Pharisees); Matt 25:2,3,8; Luke 12:20 (unprepared virgins); Eph 5:15
3. Nabal (H5036 נָבַל - stupid; wicked)  
- OT: Deut 32:21; Psalm 14:1; Prov 17:7, 21; 30:22; Jer 17:11 ... NT: Matt 5:22; Rom 1:24; 2:23; 10:19

**II. THE D \_\_\_\_\_ IN WISDOM****A. Scriptural P \_\_\_\_\_**

- \* cf. James 3:13-18; 1 Cor 1:17-29; 2:14; 3:16-20; Romans 1:18-25; Prov 1:2-7; 9:10; Psalm 111:10

**B. Scriptural P \_\_\_\_\_**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. THOSE WHO ARE BIBLICALLY WISE ...</li> <li>a. Have a _____</li> <li>b. Have a _____</li> <li>c. Have a _____</li> <li>d. Have a _____</li> <li>e. Have a _____</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. THOSE WHO ARE WORLDLY WISE ...</li> <li>a. Have a _____</li> <li>b. Have a _____</li> <li>c. Have a _____</li> <li>d. Have a _____</li> <li>e. Have a _____</li> </ol> |
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**III. THE D \_\_\_\_\_ OF SOLOMON****A. 2:12-17 ... Though Wisdom Excels Folly ... The Wise and the Fool Have the Same End****B. 7:1-9 ... The Soberness of the Wise is Better than the Mirth of Fools****C. 7:11-12 ... Wisdom is Good if it is attached to an Inheritance**

**D. 7:16-18 ... It is Good not to be Overly Righteous or Wise**

**E. 7:19-22 ... No One is Good - Including Yourself - So Don't Be Frustrated When Others Curse You**

**F. 7:23-29 ... I Decided to be Wise but it Eluded Me**

**G. 8:1 ... The Wisdom of a Man will be Revealed on His Face**

## **INTROSPECTION**

- \* Is your "wisdom" more reflective of worldly wisdom or heavenly wisdom?
- \* How affected are you by the hopeless philosophy of the world?
- \* Which side of "sakar" do you reflect more - prudence and intelligence, or silliness and ignorance?
- \* Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

## **INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* How can better prepare ourselves and others to walk in wisdom? What Scriptural references are there to support your opinion?