

THE MIND OF CHRIST SERIES

FIVE RIVERS OF WISDOM

We want to see how to possess the mind of Christ. How we can possess the intelligence, the wisdom that Christ has brought for us. I believe that the body of Christ has yet to tap into the full measure of that Jesus Christ has come to bring to us. We need to understand the Word, process the Word, the life that is available for us that we may enter into what the Bible and epistles called the riches of the inheritance that is in Christ Jesus. It all starts with 2 key words. In fact one if you want to put it that way, is in the word *wisdom*.

Paul in Eph.1: 17-21, in praying for the Ephesians Christians he pray that they may receive the Spirit of wisdom and revelation that they may know 3 things, the riches of His inheritance in the saints. You notice that he did not say that we may *have* the riches of the inheritance in the saints, but he says that we may *know* the riches of the inheritance that is in the saints. Not that we may have it but we may know because we already have. Say I have the riches of the inheritance of the saints. The only difference is that we may not know what we have. So Paul says in Eph.1: 17-18 *Therefore I also after I have heard of your faith in the Lord, verse 17-19 "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ the Father of the glory may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in a knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding be enlightened (from the Greek word phos, "light" and is constructed in a way that means flooded with light), that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints and what is the exceeding greatness of His power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places."*

Notice what the spirit of wisdom does. It says that the spirit of wisdom in verse 18

will enlighten, will flood our mind. The word *mind* or *understanding* is a Greek word *dianoia*, will flood our *dianoia* with light. Apparently that light is essential to understanding. Without light we cannot understand, we cannot see. Sometimes we have used it in an English phrase that we say I see it now. In a humorous sense it always show a light bulb lighting up in a person. When a person has an idea we don't call it a dull idea. We call it a bright idea. When something new comes we say that's a bright idea. We use the expression bright, light, to express an understanding, a concept, an ability to see something that are there in the word.

And so the wisdom, which is a spirit, when it comes it, floods us with light. That light is related to life. That's in John 1:4 "*I Him was life and the life was the light of men.*" Now the spirit of wisdom has light and the light is life. If light and life is the same thing which John 1:4 says light and life are the same thing. If they are the same then wisdom is life as well as light. It's important to take note of that, and since wisdom is a spirit, it is not just an understanding, it's a desire, an attitude and a life that you possess. The Bible uses the word *spirit* to represent life or vigor and initiative and desire and vibrant and all those things that you will associate with the song "Fire, fire, fire fall on me". But when you sing the song, you don't have what we call life. We today use the word spirit to mean to speak in a spiritual way or being very religious, but it's not just that. The word *spirit* in the Bible is synonymous with vigor and life.

In II Chron.9: 4 when the queen of Sheba came to see king Solomon, it says that after seeing all those glory, she has no more spirit. It didn't mean that the spirit left her body because if her spirit left her body that means she died. Her spirit didn't leave her body but it uses the expression she had no more spirit in her. In other words she was so astounded and stunned. In fact she was the one who made the statement that after she had seen everything, she realized that half had not been told to her and she had no more vigor. I mean she was lifeless faint, breathless and that kind of situation the Bible calls it no more spirit.

Therefore when you call a person spirit filled, I would say a person who is spirit filled is full of life, full of vigor, full of initiative. Nobody who is spirit filled who has no ideas. You don't call a religious man who would just say, "Hang on brother, O I have been hanging on brother for 20 years." You say that man is religious, he is

spirit filled, and that is not spirit filled. Being spirit filled is being full of ideas, being full of the life of God, being full of initiatives. It is not just being lifeless and hanging on. There are a lot so called spirit filled people but they are not spirit filled. They are religious filled.

If you really call something spirit filled, there has to be life, there has to be movement, creativity and ideas. We call ourselves charismatic; we call ourselves spirit filled, then live it, show it and prove it. If there is spirit in you there should be movement. There should be desire and there must be vigor. I don't call it spirit if there is no vigor. Now I am not just talking about shouting and prancing away like in a disco but surely there must be some spirit involved that will move you when you mean what you say and you mean what you sing. There has to be great desire, there must be vigor and life.

Doesn't mean that you speak in tongues last year you are spirit filled this year. Otherwise Paul will not say be continually be filled with the spirit. You could speak in tongues even yesterday and today you woke up in the morning and you have no more life and say O dear today is Monday, I am going to work again. There is no spirit in you. That's not being spirit filled. Spirit filled is being filled with vigor like a newborn baby looking at everything and everything is interesting. Like a little child and everything is new. As you are driving pass, going to your office, you have been driving that direction 1000 times and that child in your car will be jumping up and looking every where. Wow, look at that car, look at that bicycle, and look at the road. And you have seen that road 1000 times. It is that vigor that we need to have.

We call ourselves spirit filled, well let's qualify what is spirit filled. Spirit filled is being full of the life of God and initiative of God because life and light are the same. Life and spirit are the same and life and wisdom are the same. Because wisdom and spirit are the same and wisdom is the spirit. We can be filled with the wisdom, I tell you when God gives you His wisdom, you will find that even 24 hours is not enough. You want 48 hours a day to do everything God tells you to do. And you will find energy. Why, because the spirit is energy. Since spirit is life, spirit is energy, if a person has an idea and no energy to carry out, to me that idea

is the flesh and not the spirit because the flesh has no life. Anyone who has an idea and has no life to perform that idea, that idea is not from the spirit because the spirit has life, vigor and desire. But any idea that is in the flesh we only says hi brother that is a good idea, why don't you try it? That's the flesh and the soul talking. See, we want to differentiate between what comes from the mind of Christ and what comes from the spirit of God and the mind of the human flesh and the human soul. The mind of human soul will say I have an idea, will say I know how to do this, I know how to do that. This should be done and that should be done there but there is no life to back it up with the Word and with your life and to sacrifice your life inside.

When God has an idea, God put his whole life inside it, that's the difference. If we say we have an idea from God, we have a plan from God, my first question is, are you willing to die for that idea? If it's the Spirit of God who inspired that idea, inspired that plan, inspired the will in your life, you will be willing to lay down your life for it. Anyone who is not willing to lay down his life, my question is then it must be from your soul, because when the Spirit doesn't supply the life, you can have a million ideas but it doesn't work. So here we talk about the Spirit of God as related to wisdom. And wisdom is light and life and wisdom is a spirit. So there is vigor, there is movement, there is life and there is desire. When you say it you do it if it's the spirit. There are a lot people who start it but cannot finish because part of it is his or her own idea.

For God so loved the word that He gave His only begotten Son, He is willing to sacrifice right to the last, right to the best. God did not hold back His best. He gave His best; there is nothing worthier than Lord Jesus. God so loved the world that He gave and He tells us if God is so willing to give us then we should be willing to follow through with His will for our lives. Jesus said I will go to the Father and He died. I Jn.3: 16 should continue to operate in our lives, that we would be willing to lay down our lives for our brethren, that we will be willing to lay down our lives for the things God shows to us. So here we have in the Bible how spirit and life are related.

Hokmah

What we want to see here is that what the world call wisdom is self-limiting. There are many Hebrew words for the word wisdom but there are 2 primary words we want to consider as the main key to understand the difference. The general Hebrew word for the word wisdom is the word *hokmah*. It points to the wisdom of God and is the same Hebrew word that was used in Proverbs 3 where it says wisdom or *hokmah* cries out in the street. And all over in the O.T. whenever the word wisdom is used, you will find the word *hokmah*. Then there is another word wisdom that is used in the O.T., Deut.34 it tells us how Moses laid hands on Joshua and Joshua received the Spirit of *hokmah* on him, the Spirit of wisdom on his life. We need God's *hokmah* so that we can function.

Hakam

We have the other Greek word that is used for the natural wisdom. The word *hokmah* is used for spiritual wisdom, the higher kind of wisdom that operates. And the other word that is opposing to it, not necessary contradictory but not fully reliable and sometimes in a positive way, sometimes in a negative way, is the word *hakam*. *Hakam* means natural wisdom, natural ability. *Hakam* originally came from God. God was the source of wisdom and imparted to men but when men fell that wisdom can be utilized in a cunning way and evil way. Or it can be used in a good way. So *hakam* is natural wisdom and it can be developed. It's in the lower scale. In the world when you talk about wise man, many times the word *hakam* is used. You will notice that sometimes when God tells us to do something, He requires some *hakam* involved. So it's not necessary something evil, something bad all the time but we need to know that *hakam* alone cannot serve God. The natural wisdom and ability of our mind will never be able to serve God in a way that God wants us to serve Him.

In between *hokmah* and *hakam* are 5 rivers of wisdom. There is a whole zoo of Hebrew words involved but we trace it to 5 major Hebrew words for the word *wisdom*. They point to 5 major areas of intelligence and of wisdom that we need to be aware of. Our present twentieth century world is only aware of primarily two major fields, one major type of wisdom in the educational field and one in the

artistic. Today's test of intelligence is based on one aspect. That ability of a person to think logically, to conceive and analyze is the conclusion to a minimum facts possible. That's the test of the world's intelligence. And all the educational system is based on that. You learn one level of logic after another and then you are supposed to bring it to a conclusion. The other field is the artistic field.

The Bible does speak about 5 major areas or fields of wisdom. We want to look at them today but before we go into them, I want to show how that sometimes from one genealogy can arise several branches.

Lets look at Gen.4, after Cain killed Abel, Cain ran away to out of the presence of the Lord. Out of the Garden of Eden. In verse 17, *"Cain knew his wife and she conceived and bore Enoch. He built a city and called the city to the name of his son Enoch. To Enoch was born Irad and Irad begot Mehujael and Mehujael begot Methushael and Methushael begot Lamech. Then Lamech took for himself 2 wives. One was Odah and the name of the second was Zillah. And Adah bore Jabal."*

Now here began different fields. Jabal was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. In other words Jabal grew up to be an expert in agriculture and in cattle rearing. So Jabal developed his profession and from his line, you see he developed a type of cultural profession. Why cultural, because it ties up to the lineage. Just like today in certain types of business here in Asia, you find that it is sometimes dominated by a particular race or particular culture. It just passed on one to another the skill and the knowledge. It doesn't mean that it's limited to that but we are just pointing to a phenomenon that is there. It's neither male nor female and no race in the scriptures. So all things should be possible to those who believe and who are in Christ. We point to the fact that it is present in the world system. There are certain types of business that are dominated by a particular family or race. So there are certain things that are out there observable in the world. Now here in the Bible in Gen.4, there is Jabal, he started a whole lineage of people who were experts in agricultural and rearing cattle livestock.

Then another son in Gen.4: 21 *"His brother name was Jubal. He was the father of all*

those who play the harp and flute." Some families are musicians. Their grandpa was a musician, their father was a musician, son was musician, great grandson was a musician and it seems to follow down the line. Not that it was limited to that but they pass on the knowledge and their skill that they have learned and they have developed. So here is a whole lineage under Jubal who became expert musicians.

Sometimes that happens in the spiritual also. Notice that in the book of I Chronicles, that all the musicians of David were related to one another. This looks like a clan ministry. In I Chro.25 *"Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service some of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun."* Notice there were 3 main tribes and each tribe points to a patriarch figure. They are Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun. These 3 major tribes produce all the musicians for king Solomon and king David. The Bible tells us that some of us are the eyes, some of us are the noses, some of us are the ears and we must each discover our place. Sometimes that skill is passed on to the next generation. Here we see in verse 2 *"Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah; the sons of Asaph were under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied according to the order of the king."* There you have the whole group of people under Asaph.

Then verse 3 Jeduthun; he was in a different type of music. He was in the harps and he plays the harp with all his kids. Verse 4, Heman and verse 5 you notice Heman exalted the Lord with the horn. So there are the trumpeters. If you study relationship in the Bible, you will be amazed that how closely knitted top leadership are. Sometimes they are even related to one another in blood. God is not against that but God is against it when men put blood relationship and kinfolk relationship or racial relationship above the Spirit. That would be wrong. But every one of us belongs to some tribes and we don't have to be ashamed of that. You don't have to be ashamed because of your family name; we all come from somewhere. Even Elijah was a Tishbite. God knows what is that but he came from same Tishbite family. So here we have an understanding where each one draws their lineage.

If you notice that the top leadership in Moses' time was Moses, Aaron, Miriam, guess what, look like family business. Somebody down there will say, is this a clan taking over or something? But God was not concerned about that. God was just

choosing leadership. Even from the beginning you possibly notice that Aaron was the leader among the Egyptians. When the Israelites were in Egypt, when Moses was sent back to the Israelites, the first person he met was Aaron. God told him that he has told Aaron to come to meet him. So apparently there were some sorts of leadership and it is not limited to bloodline. You know why? Joshua who has kinfolk of Moses, Joshua was a servant of Moses, so Joshua took over the leadership from Moses. You could see that even Joshua was not related to Moses but Joshua sat completely under Moses' ministry. Everything Joshua had was because Moses passed it to him. So its not just bloodline, but there is what I call relationship and fellowship, it does produce a certain type of individual. If you take a pastor who is not so good at financial handling and business ethic and organization of business methods, mix him with spirit filled businessmen for one year; he will learn something from them. Why, because of the people he fellowship with. The people will also impart something to our lives.

There apparently appear to be different types of wisdom and there are 5 rivers of wisdom that flow. Sometimes it flows because of our heritage. We have been brought up in one area of wisdom, like some kids who are raised up in a musician family. But you can add a new line when you move into a new fellowship with a different group, which has a different wisdom involved. It can bear fruit in that direction.

Lets get back to Gen.4, the second son Jubal was a musician. He invented musical instruments and he played them. Verse 22, Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain. Tubal-Cain was an instructor of every craft man in bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain had a different skill altogether. Tubal-Cain was an expert in craftsmanship. He could be a blacksmith or silversmith, but he was skillful in handling and making works of artifact. An art, maybe a bronze base, a bronze table, he could skillfully bring it about. He could cast iron, cast metals and alloy. That was the skill that was involved.

One family came out with 3 different types of skill. The key is not the bloodline; the key is in the type of spirit that was imparted. You see spirit can be imparted, sometimes the whole family carry a type of spiritual wisdom stronger than the

other. There could be an interflow of different rivers of wisdom and we need that in order to tap on the mind of Christ and be functional in a productive way in this world.

To tap on the different types of rivers that is available for us, 5 different Hebrew words for wisdom. The main one is *hokmah* and that covers all the five. The lowest is human wisdom *hakam*. *Hokmah* flows into 5 different streams. We have a tendency to be majoring into one or two of those streams but to develop we need to be opened to all the five streams of wisdom that the Bible talks about.

Let's look first of all something akin to Tubal-Cain type of wisdom. Exodus 36:1 "*And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whom the Lord has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the Lord has commanded.*" Now, the word wisdom here in verse one is the word *hokmah*. He used the general word for wisdom to describe the impartation to their lives but when that *hokmah* came into their lives, they excelled in one field of wisdom. That is the same field like Tubal-Cain could do. Works of art, with that skill they were able to build the tabernacle and all the intergrade parts involved. I mean it is not just a wooden table laid with gold, they must have fine artistic design on it, and then they must have artistic design for cherubim. I mean how do you conceive them, how do you visualize them? So they need the *hokmah* from God and with that *hokmah* they move into one field. They were not teachers or preachers like Moses was. It takes a different wisdom but they became good at their hands.

First River : Hasab

In chapter 35:35 of Exodus he says he has filled them with skill. The word skill sometimes is translated as wisdom and sometimes translated as cunning. "*He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and embroiderers, in blue, purple and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver-those who do every work and those who design artistic works.*" It uses a special Hebrew word *hasab* to describe the work skill in chapter 35:35.

So here we began to see the picture. There is the main river *hokmah*, which flows out. As the *hokmah* river flows out, it has 5 streams. One of the streams is *chasab*. Because the Lord filled them with *hokmah* in Exo.36: 1 but then Exo.35: 35 He filled them with *hasab*. So there is a relationship between *hasab* and *hokmah*. *Hokmah* is the total wisdom, entire wisdom, the length, the breath, the height, and the depth of God's wisdom. And we know God is awesome, we cannot fully understand Him. We are finite mind but if one drop of wisdom of *hasab* comes into our life, we would become skillful with our hands. *Hasab* dropped into Aholiab and Bezalel and their hands became skillful. *Hasab* wisdom is the wisdom that causes your hands to be skillful. This is an area of wisdom that I tie up to the engineering ability. You take raw materials and you take a concept and you could transform those raw materials into some workable structure.

It will be just like a mechanic. If you want to be an ordinary mechanic you take *hakam* but if you want to be the Lord's mechanic then you take *hasab* with *hokmah*. That will make you different. It will make your hands different. An engineer has a different profession altogether. The scientist can have their theories but to take those things and to construct it into something usable takes a different skill and wisdom. That type of wisdom for engineering calls for wisdom of the inventor. For example Thomas Edison was not so much a discoverer of laws and theory but he took what was there and he make little invention and little things that make life different and more useful. He invented a light bulb and that makes a whole lot of difference. He takes the discoveries that were there and formed invention that are beneficial to human beings. That is the *hasab* kind of wisdom. Perhaps as we look at God's Word, we realize that the only wisdom we have is the ability to understand God's Word. That's not the only wisdom. God could give you wisdom to be able to do your type of profession much better than before. The *hasab* is a kind of wisdom where you could see ways to put things together that the *hakam* wisdom of the world can never give you. This is because *hasab* depends on *hokmah*. So your engineering ability, your ability to put things together with your hands is high above the others, above normal.

Lets look at some of the things that they made in chapter 38:23 "And with him was Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and designer, a weaver of

blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine linen.” Some of us talk about works of cunning. Do you notice that Aholiab was from the tribe of Dan? Turn to the book of Gen. 49:16-17 “*Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, a viper by the path,*” That doesn’t look like good statement there. What does the serpent has and what kind of things that it mentions about the serpent? The first mention of the serpent is in Genesis chapter 3 verse 1. *The serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field.* That’s the serpent when the serpent fell. Cain chapter 4 was different from Abel and his descendants move into things that Aholiab and Bezalel moved into especially Tubal-Cain. To avoid confusion with the devil, I avoided using the serpent. I prefer to call it the skill of hands, *hasab* wisdom. You could do things that people could not do. When you have an anointing in that area, you could serve God like Aholiab and Bezalel. Moses could get the architectural plan from God, Moses could get the whole idea from God but Moses could not build the tabernacle. Moses didn’t have the *hasab* skill that Aholiab and Bezalel have. There was a limit to what Moses could do. He needed Aholiab.

King Solomon received the plans of the temple from king David; he says that king David received the pattern from the Lord. I mean they already had the blue print for the temple kept in the cold storage. When it came the time to build the temple, Solomon did not have enough people who had *hasab* wisdom. He had to ask king Hiram to supply skillful craft man with great cunning. He points to the same Hebrew word.

These 5 rivers of wisdom are available because God has released them upon the planet earth. Sometimes some of the people on the planet earth who are in *hakam* tap on the little bit of those rivers. When we say the church and the people of God should be the head and not the tail, we are saying that in all 5 areas of wisdom. The people of God must excel. For too many years the world has excelled in areas that the people of God had a potential to. Areas like *hasab* because we were not taught that Word. We think the only wisdom is understanding God’s Word and receiving spiritual principles and living a holy life. It includes all that but we neglect to see that there is a river for us to tap and it’s call *hasab*. And because we don’t see it, we don’t believe it and we don’t receive it. So we never tap into those rivers and the body of Christ never gets the chance to perform *hasab* in the way that God wants it. In the way that the world will marvel that we should tap on that field of wisdom, so that we could do things, engineer things, invent things, and

make things like the world has never seen before. We shall be the head and not the tail.

Some of you may not be called to the five fold office and you may say I am not an apostle, I am not a prophet, I am not a evangelist, I am not a pastor, I am not a teacher, but who am I? You are *hasab*, maybe you can evangelize with what your hammer and nail can made. You could not evangelize with a plane and jack-saw and a drill but you could evangelize with the creation of your work. When everything was finished, everybody came to the temple of Solomon and they admired the work of God. Whose handy work was it? You say its God. How did God do it? Through the hands of men. We always say God, and then we become lazy. We don't work, God works through us. Its hard work, you ask Aholiab, how long, how many months did he sweat out there under the sun guiding all those people. I am sure that they may have made mistakes here and there and some of the designs and requirement from God that are fantastic. For example, God said that the candlestick is supposed to be made of one big lump of gold. Aholiab would say, I have an idea, I will make a mould and I will melt the gold and pour it in and Moses says, wait, God says it had to be beaten. Then Aholiab will say, Moses do you know how difficult it is. It is easier to melt the gold and mould it. Moses says, that's God's requirement. It makes it more difficult. I mean it takes hard work. Beating the gold into the shape of a lamp stand. How are you going to start? A big lump there. You have to beat it and on certain point your hammer has to change to smaller one. When you start, you start with a big hammer, when you reach certain part there is finer works that comes in. It takes a lot of skill. Finally the lamp stand and all the different parts were ready. It took hard labor. It took one whole year to build all those different furniture for Moses tabernacle and for Solomon's temple. It took them 7 years and those 7 years were *hasab* wisdom.

One of the ways that we are going to bring the prosperity into the kingdom of God is through *hasab* wisdom. Inventions of things that the world cannot conceive of. A born again, Holy Ghost baptized believer, receive *hasab* from God and the world says it cannot be done but you say it can be done. All things are possible to those who believe. The world says no, no way, you say, there is a way. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. And that life contains wisdom. Can the born again believers tap into that and get an invention that the world have never seen before and from that invention you copyright it, put a pattern on it and brings in all the

wealth of the world. Can you see how the wealth of the world can come into the kingdom of God? How the wealth of the sinners come into the world of the righteous, because the righteous tap on *hasab* wisdom. But it's not going to come without the works of our hand. Its not going to come by when you are just sitting there and be lazy and say all the wealth of the sinners shall come to the righteous. It will never come. The only thing that will come to you is a nice looking coffin - you will die there. There will be no wealth; we got to receive *hasab* wisdom from God. Get all the invention out, get all those ideas out. Produce it with the work of our hands, hard work, wisdom of God. Then only the wealth of God that He meant for the church of God to possess will be put into the hands of the believers. So the first type if wisdom is the *hasab* wisdom.

Second River : Sakal

The 2nd realm of wisdom is in I Sam.18: 5. *“David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved wisely.”* Now here is wisdom involved. Behave wisely and Saul set him over the men of war and he was accepted in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servant. In verse 14-16 *“And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the Lord was with him. Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.”* Not only that, he came in and went out before them wisely.

What type of wisdom is involved? He didn't say that because he passed all his examinations but it says here, there is a different type of wisdom, wisdom to know the right things to do, the right things to say. The Hebrew word for wisdom is *sakal*. We have *hasab*, and now we have *sakal*. The word *sakal* means you are very refined, cultured. We realize that this area is in the line of table manner, dress style and social ethic, etc. And all these things make you different. That area of wisdom the world has not refined. But the Bible defines it as wisdom. David knew how to behave himself. *Sakal* wisdom is wisdom in diplomacy and wisdom to know the finer point of relating with imperfect people. That is an area that people need.

Hasab has to do with the hands and your skills but *sakal* has to do with your ability to comprehend people. That's the wisdom. Wisdom to read people like a book and know what will offend them and what will not offend them, so that when somebody else cannot relate to them but you can. It takes skill and it takes wisdom. Do you know that because of the great effort of diplomacy sometimes wars are avoided? Of course if you don't have the right diplomat with *sakal*, but you depend on someone with *hakam* or earthly wisdom, you can create trouble. You make more wars. But where *sakal* comes in, it is what make you say, Jesus says blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God. See, its people who could come in, in an area of strife and understand everything and be able to appease everybody. That takes wisdom. Wisdom is not book knowledge but this wisdom is to know the heart and the feelings of people.

Do you know some people completely have no *sakal* and behave like hooligans. For example, some men do not know how to behave before the ladies. They think that they can win the lady's heart but instead they chased them away. I mean, normally you should know how to behave before a lady. You don't speak loudly, praise God man, hi, how are you man. I mean what will she say? That guy is primitive. That lady is going to think hi Tarzan, better run. So things like that, you know the skills that are involved.

Sometimes you relate to people of honor, the Bible says, give honor to whom honor is due. You put a guy who doesn't know all these things and he can blunder your entire business deal. Just a small little thing can blunder your half million dollars contract. Or sometimes in a ministry, for example if I need to plan a meeting in another country or in another city, like I want to organize a teaching crusade for 5 days. Now there is a lot of organization work involved. Besides that you have a lot of red tapes involved. And then you need to have faith to go ahead and rent the auditorium and you send somebody there without *sakal* wisdom (refined, cultured, dress style, social ethic) and all that fellow have perhaps is *hasab* wisdom (skillful with the hands). I mean he is good at putting the poles up, putting the tents up and gets all those systems up but not good at *sakal*. I tell you he will do everything but nobody will come because everybody is turned off. Before that fellow came in everybody was excited. After that fellow came in everybody was hurt, bruised, wounded. The expert has a different wisdom that was required. That expert

wound people. He had no skill in relationship. So the skill to develop relationship with people is *sakal* wisdom. It comes from God *hokmah*.

David was filled with the Spirit without doubt. David had a skill that other people don't have. You see, David like a mighty man, you forget that behind the scene he has to relate to many people. Think about it. When he was running away from king Saul, hiding in Adullam cave and in Adullam cave all the worse character in society came. The outlaws, the reject of society, the debtors, that's what the Bible says. All these people came to him and guess what happened? All these people usually are not cultured, and have rough mannerisms. When they drink their soup they will slurp, I tell you if you want to win a lady's heart you don't drink your soup that way. Then he put his apron in the wrong place. Then the food are all there but they don't know the politeness of letting others take first. When David says thank you Father for your provision Amen, they take all the drum sticks and put it on their plates and look up and smile for the camera. These are the guys David took in. Some of those guys are going to be his key generals. David had a lot of homework to do. He had to polish them.

Sometimes a person is called to be an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher. They have wisdom, which I will classify, in a different area, spiritual wisdom but they don't have *sakal* wisdom. I tell you they can go in, they have a good ministry but don't know why people don't open door. Because you are not refined enough and you don't know how to move into other areas of wisdom.

I mean here is David in his Adullam cave and polished all these people up. They are great fighters, great warriors, people are afraid of them when they come to a fight but they were not cultured men. Through time they become cultured. Part of the *sakal* wisdom in David came to them. Apparently in I Sam. David was very refined. Everybody loves David after he conquered Goliath. He was more famous than king Saul. David could have grown bigheaded, walk around like a peacock but David didn't do that. He knew how to humble himself. He knew how to behave before dignitaries.

The same way, sometime we speak to people of authority in this world, some Christians don't have *sakal* wisdom. All they have is spiritual knowledge about the authority in Christ. Thank God, praise God, He has made us kings and priests. And so you don't know protocol and you meet some of these dignitaries and you speak roughly, praise God. We need some *sakal* wisdom to relate to people at different level, different places and at different position. It takes a dignified wisdom, thank God, it comes from God.

You could read books on mannerism, you could read books on ethics and you could read books on all these areas but all these contain some measure of tradition. Only the spirit of God could teach you what is right and wrong in some of these areas, the rightness or the wrongness of these things. Even without the book saying, the feel of *sakal* wisdom will tell you what is right and what is wrong. You could flow with that and you know exactly what to do.

Sakal wisdom, David has it and he was filled with that and when Saul saw that David has such wisdom. See, when you have *sakal* wisdom you find favor not only with God but you also find favor with man. Jesus finds favor with God and with man. It says at the end of all his practice some years of *sakal* wisdom, all Israelites love David, because he did what was right in the right way. It's a different set up altogether.

Third River : Yada'

Third River of wisdom. Lets look at Gen.25: 27, "*So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents.*" This word *yada'* has been translated as skill and sometimes as wisdom. It expresses a different of wisdom. *Hasab* wisdom is wisdom with hands and *sakal* wisdom is wisdom in relationship. *Yada'* wisdom is wisdom in body coordination. That's a different wisdom that the world has not defined. It says that Esau was a skillful or cunning hunter. What does that mean? It means that if he shoots an arrow he gets it, he is like Robin Hood. He is like William Tell who gets the apple on the top of the boy's head without missing. He was skillful in the sense that it may take 10

fellows to hunt that amount of animals. But when he goes out with his bow and arrows and his spear, every aim was bulls-eye. That's the type of wisdom that produces sportsman. Sportsman, I am not talking about every Tom, Dick or Harry who runs in the park. I am talking about Olympic runners, world champions; it takes a mental coordination of champions of different types of sports. It takes a coordination of their body. It's not just running hard its running smart. We know a lot run hard and they die-hard. But it's running smart and conserving it.

There was one of those commentaries that one time I read many years ago, about one champion who came out and said, when he started he thought all he needed was his skill. Just play to the best and keep in top form. Then he said, when he matured in the sport he learned this - that you must not just know yourself; you have to know your opponent. So when you play with an opponent who has a very strong smash, you don't play too many high balls. You give him more net play. But if you have an opponent who is good at net, you try not to give him that. So his first skill was skill in himself. His second skill was skill to adapt his play to each opponent.

See, that's a blind spot that sometimes people come up with. They don't realize that there are two developments. We are teaching this because we realize that in the body of Christ we shall be the head not the tail. In business we shall be the head not the tail. In inventions we shall be the head not the tail. In sports we shall be the head not the tail. No sportsman here, praise God, some days this message will get to some sportsmen who are the believers in Christ and who know that God caused them to be a champion for the Lord.

I was talking to a woman tennis player in Australia. She is born again, baptized in the Spirit. She told me this, if she had known the truth of the Bible in those days, she would have done much better. She has skill, but she said she could have done much better. Cause in spite of her skill she had this mental fear that is always there before she went to the game. Christians must be good champions in sport. Wouldn't it be wonderful when the church reach its glorified stage? All the apostles, evangelists, pastors, prophets and teachers doing their job and all the engineers doing their jobs. All the Christian's sportsmen and women doing their job. I tell you, the world look around and say I know who is the winner.

As long as there is one born again, we Christians have shut something up that the world is trying to push and develop. Because we put it as non-spiritual, you don't realize that there is the whole field of wisdom called *yada'* wisdom, wisdom of body coordination and perfection. And because of that do you notice that we have neglected to excel in areas that we could excel in. I hope your thinking is not old fashion or 20,30,40 years ago where those parents think that football profession is not a profession or sports profession is not a profession. This is the old thinking. In the old days we Asians think that the only profession are the doctors. So sometimes when a person is good at something that could make the whole life out of that, they could build their life out of their talent, we neglect that. We are narrow-minded. We realize that this has now become unique profession. You could be a world champion golf player, tennis player, whatever player, let me tell you, wouldn't it be glorious after you win all the games. You win all the world championships. Then the reporters interview you and you say Jesus Christ helped me to do that. I tell you, you evangelize more people than an evangelist preaching his heart out at the stadium where all these other folks never attend. You have a world audience that others don't have. We need people like that. We need to tap on that type of wisdom, the *yada'* wisdom. Body coordination in God that God gives skill to excel in God.

There are 2 phases of this wisdom. It's not just the skill but also your relating of the skill to your environment. It's your ability to adopt your skill. Those who win marathon are not just their stamina. Everybody try to develop stamina, its important but pacing yourself, you know at what speed to pace yourself and when to give it the last go. Its not just running hard but its running smart. It's not just playing hard with all your skill but it's playing smart. That's the key factor involved that can make Christians rise and be the head not the tail. I mean today sports events are one of the top world earners. The whole of the world is going into that. Wherever there is recession, there is no recession in sports. While we are having recession those sports fellows are earning money. In the past years of recession those sportsmen are gathering the wealth of the world. The cattle on the hills and the silver and gold belong to them. Even in the sports arena, it takes a Christian and a believer to tap into *yada'* wisdom and excel by the help of God's Spirit.

Lets look at I Sam.16 May it help us to develop grace in all these areas of wisdom. We realize we may not be able to do everything but we will find our place in the body of Christ that God has called us to. One thing spurred me to examine these scriptures and realize there are so many realm of wisdom. One day when I was reading this book "Scenes Beyond the Grave" by Marietta Davis where she actually went into a state of unconsciousness and her spirit left her body and she went to heaven. In heaven she had the privilege of being taken to visit children paradise. She saw all the training the angels were giving to all the children in paradise. She saw many of these spirits are little infant spirits. Most of them are babies that died in a miscarriage or abortion. Little spirits being taken into paradise in heaven and this is the one statement that put me on and makes me realize that there is a whole field to research into. She made this statement in her testimony, she said when a new little infant spirit comes into the children paradise, the angel would look at it and identify the type of mind and inclination that God has given him and then they will be put him or her into one of the major schools in paradise in heaven. Today every Tom, Dick and Harry goes through primary education, secondary education and only specializes when you are 18,19 or 20. But in heaven immediately they know whether the child is an artist, a musician, a teacher or one who is skillful in architecture, design heavenly things. Heaven is interesting, it's not just floating in the clouds. There are a lot of things to design; there are a lot of things to do up there. What we do on this earth and found interesting, in heaven there is the same thing magnified billions of times.

That statement that I read spurs me on. I realized not everybody has the same type of mind. Everybody has a different type of mind and inclination that God has created based on God's perfect will for that person. If we can discover where our children stand and all that we have, we will never be frustrated. We will grow and develop into what God intend for us to be in the first place. You will enjoy it because you are comfortable with it. Every fiber in your being was made for that and that was made for you. So I began this research and I realized that there are these different types of wisdom that the world did not classify but the Word of God classified. One of them was *yada'*.

Lets look at I Sam.16: 16 *"Let our master now command your servants, who are*

before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp. And it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well." Sometimes the word skillful is translated in the Old King James as cunning player, skillful player. The word skill is a different Hebrew word from the word skill in Exodus 35:35. That is the word *hasab*. This word skill is the word *yada'*. It talks about skillful coordination. *Hasab* makes you an inventor you create something. *Yada'* bring you to coordination. A musician may not be able to build the instrument that takes *hasab*, but are well coordinated, the fingers, the mind and the ears. David had *yada'*, he was well coordinated on the harp. Music takes coordination beyond our conscious mind. If anyone has learned musical instrument before, you will realize that at first stage you are conscious of it but that's not good enough. You have to know the chords until you subconsciously could find it and you are not thinking where to press. You are thinking about the sound. It's a deeper level of the coordination of your body, mind and ear. When they teach you the piano, they teach you one hand first. Then when you first learn with two hands you find it hard to coordinate but then after sometimes, it's automatic. Something inside you starts coordinating. It's the coordination of your body. *Yada'* is your skill in wisdom to coordinate all your response in your body to get a certain out put and coordinate to the environment. So, David had that skill like no others. He was skillful to bring the best out of the harp. You could give the same instrument to ten different persons or musicians but the ten different musicians will bring out the beauty out of that instrument differently. It depends not on the instruments since all have the same instruments. But the skill that is inside them, their ability to bring out the best of that.

I read the story of one famous violinist and how as he played with one violin string broke. He was left with just a few more strings. If you understand a violin, a violin is a different instrument from the other musical instruments. Because a violin does not have a fixed place, a fixed chord, its just a string and empty bar. Unlike a guitar where you got the exact place to press, in a violin you have to find where the cord is. The places where you press depend on the tuning as well as your feel on the wood. So here he is playing and the string broke, then he played on and he broke the second string. Finally he was left with one string and he played with that one string. And when he finished he was given a standing ovation because of his skill to bring out what take four strings to bring out. That's skill, that's *yada'*.

Now we realize that in the musical realm is also the wealth of the world. I mean today parents will spend dollars and cents to pay the best for the best teacher in music. It's a whole field in itself. If you think about it all the businessmen in the world, they earn money, what do they spend on, entertainment. I tell you the multi millionaires in the world are those rock and roll band players. Some of them are skillful businessman some are not. Drugs and immorality ruin their own lives. But in times of recession they are still prospering. While the business was in recession, they are in prosperity. I tell you that wealth belong to the kingdom of God. We need Christians who are filled with *yada'* wisdom to enter into the arena and beat every one of them and bring all the wealth into the kingdom of God. That wealth out there, multi billion of dollars, all because of one guy takes his guitar put it out of tune, rock and roll, and heavy metal and sells platinum, people will pay for it. We need Christians to excel in those areas. To bring out what the world cannot bring out in the field of music. It takes *yada'* wisdom, skillful coordination. David had it, that's why he was the musician king. When you think of David, what do you think about? The Psalmist who say onto the Lord, whenever something happens, he takes his harp out; he expressed it in a song. There's an intelligence involved. There is a type of wisdom involved. And today we define it to be *yada'* wisdom that God gives to the body of Christ.

Fourth River : Bin

The fourth type of wisdom is one of the most general word, is the word *bin*. The word *bin* has been translated 48 times as understand and 14 times translated as consider. So the word *bin* talks about understanding, mental capacity. The word *bin* is that type of wisdom that the world today identified to be I.Q. That is the river that most of us know about it in the educational system. *Bin* is the ability to analyze, the ability to comprehend, to understand.

Its all over the place but I just want to give the name of the man who operated in that area. I Chron.27: 32 "*And Jonathan, David's uncle was counselor, a wise man (now, this is the word bin), and a scribe and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's son.*" Notice the wisdom David's uncle Jonathan had. He was counselor,

advisor to people. He was a wise man, that is *bin* and he was a scribe. Now here *bin* type of wisdom and understanding is what I call the scholarly type of wisdom. The wisdom that the world would say I.Q, able to analyze, logical and comprehensive. *Bin* type of wisdom is what the world today is after without realizing that there are all these other areas of wisdom. So *bin* wisdom is basic to society today. We can tap on that area. It's from *hokmah*. That wisdom will help you to have the ability like Jonathan. He was a scribe and a scribe is very meticulous in his writing. In those days they don't have printing machine so the scribes had to be very meticulous, an A is an A, a T is a T, a full stop is a full stop. Very meticulous and scholarly. That is the basic educational wisdom that the world demands.

But the world is on *hakam* and God can give you *bin* wisdom where He can give you a comprehension. The ability to comprehend, to analyze, to reason like the world and your hereditary has not been able to produce. When Solomon receives wisdom *hokmah*, he had a lot of *bin* wisdom. He could speak of trees and analyze them. He spoke of human relationship and he analyzes it. He spoke on a lot of things he spoke on 1000 proverbs. That is *bin* wisdom. *Bin* wisdom, an analyst, a philosopher, one who analyze things and relationship. *Bin* wisdom is intellectual wisdom.

As we see *hasab* is with your hands and then we have the *sakal* wisdom is in relationship and *yadah* is in coordination of your body and we have *bin*, which is intellectual wisdom that God can give.

Fifth River : Tushiyyah

Finally we have the fifth river, the last one. Proverbs chapter 2 in verse 7, *he stores up sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield to those who walk uprightly.* The word wisdom in verse 7 is the Hebrew word *tushiyyah* and *bin* is spelt *bin*. *Tushiyyah* wisdom is the wisdom to understand God's Word and God's principles. That's the wisdom we need to have when we look at God's command and God's scripture.

Notice in Proverbs 2 there is a very close relationship between *hokmah* and *tushiyyah*. Closer than all others. In verse 1 onwards, ‘*my son if you receive my words and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to **hokmah** wisdom and apply your heart to understanding, **bin**, if you cry out for discernment and lift up your voice for understanding; if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives **hokmah**; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound **tushiyyah** for the upright.*”

From *hokmah* it suddenly becomes *tushiyyah*. That tells you that *tushiyyah* is related to *hokmah* closely, because *tushiyyah* has to do with spiritual comprehension and wisdom. Comprehending spiritual significance, spiritual principles and scriptural relationship of the Word. Then he continues with the normal word *chokmah* in verse 10 etc., but then he concludes in chapter 3:21, *My son let them not depart from your eyes, keep sound tushiyyah and discretion. Tushiyyah wisdom is wisdom in spiritual matters.*

Partnering with Hakam or Hokmah

Each river of wisdom has its counterpart in either *hakam*, which comes from the world or in *hokmah*, which comes from God.

Hasab without *hokmah* tries to achieve what you call scientific inventions, but they will be inventions that will not glorify God or benefit mankind, like destructive weapons or dangerous drugs.

In the case of *sakal* without *hokmah*, it tries to achieve diplomacy but it fails. I mean we know how many times a diplomat is deceived. If a diplomat only has *sakal* with *hakam* he can be deceived but not when he has *sakal* with *hokmah*.

Then you have *yadah*. *Yadah* is bodily coordination. In the world with *hakam* they tell you to be able to excel well, you must think positively, have a positive approach, give a pep talk to your football team. They are all using *hakam*. There are still in line but it's different for *hokmah*. *Hokmah* gives different skills, different techniques.

Then in the field of *tushiyyah*, which is godly wisdom and spiritual wisdom. The world in *hakam* has what we call common sense. Common sense is to know the rules and things that will be sensible to people. But *hokmah* is in a different realm. It's higher than common sense. It goes beyond the carnal and it can look very foolish in the natural but it's wise. For example, common sense that is carnal will tell you if you are in Rome do as the Roman. That is not true all the time. If the world is cheating, every one is cheating. You don't do that way. Common sense tells you to survive in that field you got to do like them. But *hokmah* tells you *tushiyyah* that's not discreet. That's wrong in the eyes of the law. It tells you different level of common sense, so there is a relationship in them.