



OLD TESTAMENT ENCOUNTERS

WISDOM
WEEK 2 // MATT RANDALL

When you have an encounter with God, you walk away

_____.

Someone walked away with unmatched _____ after
their encounter with God.

Wisdom is the application of knowledge.

*"The good Lord set definite limits on man's wisdom, but set no limits on his
stupidity—and that's just not fair!" — Konrad Adenauer*

"The greatest good is wisdom." — St. Augustine

The most important of these places of worship was at Gibeon, so the
king went there and sacrificed 1,000 burnt offerings. That night the Lord
appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, **"What do you want?
Ask, and I will give it to you!"** 1 Kings 3:4-5

Solomon replied, "You showed great and faithful love to your servant my
father, David, because he was honest and true and faithful to you. And
you have continued to show this great and faithful love to him today by
giving him a son to sit on his throne." 1 Kings 3:6

"Now, O Lord my God, you have made me king instead of my father,
David, but I am **like a little child** who doesn't know his way around. And
here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and
numerous they cannot be counted! Give me an **understanding heart** so
that I can govern your people well and know the difference between
right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people
of yours?" 1 Kings 3:7-9

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. So God
replied, "Because you have asked for **wisdom** in governing my people
with **justice** and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of
your enemies—I **will give you what you asked for!** I will give you a wise
and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have!
And I will also give you what you did not ask for—**riches and fame!**

No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of
your life! And if you **follow** me and **obey** my decrees and my commands
as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life." 1 Kings 3:10-14

How do we gain wisdom?

The enemy of wisdom is _____.

"I _____ do it all on my own."

In my search for **wisdom** and in my observation of people's burdens
here on earth, I discovered that there is ceaseless activity, day and night.
I realized that **no one** can discover everything God is doing under the
sun. Not even the wisest people discover everything, no matter what
they claim. Ecclesiastes 8:16-17

*"In God you come up against something which is in every respect
immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that—and,
therefore, know yourself, as nothing in comparison—you do not know God
at all. As long as you are proud you cannot know God." — C. S. Lewis*

But the **wisdom** from **above** is first of all pure. It is also peace loving,
gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and
the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.
James 3:17

"Nine-tenths of wisdom is being wise in time." — Theodore Roosevelt

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers
harm. Proverbs 13:20

What small step will you take to grow in wisdom?

*"He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity, is wise for a
moment, but a fool forever." — John Tillotson*