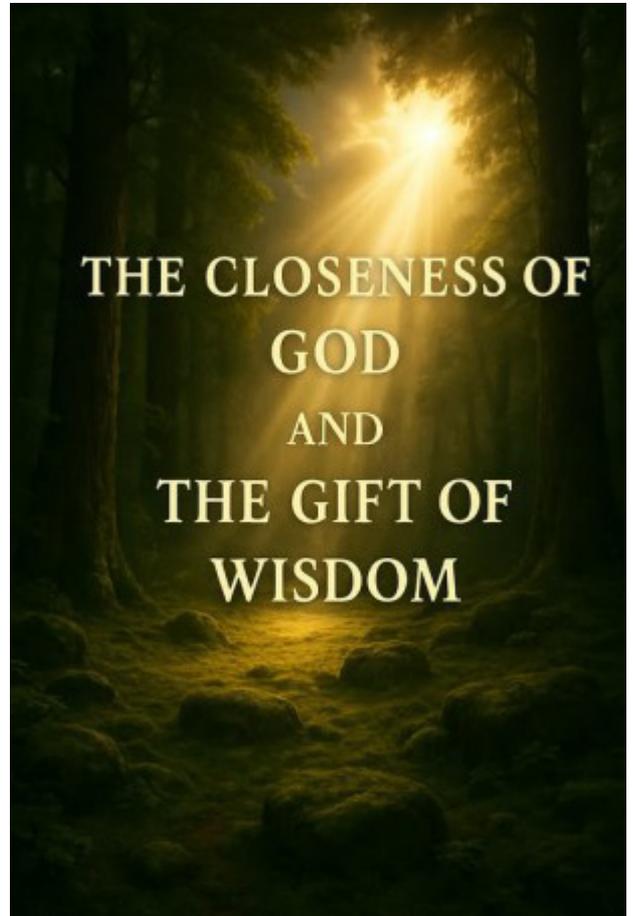


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Gift of Wisdom - The Closeness of God and the Gift of Wisdom



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The Closeness of God and the Gift of Wisdom *From a Fulfilled Perspective*

Brothers and sisters, today I want to speak about something that remains just as real and essential after the fulfillment of all prophecy as it ever was, **the wisdom of God** and **His nearness to us**. We may live in a world where the shadows of the Old Covenant have passed, but the light of His presence has never been closer.

God is Near

Scripture declares plainly that God is not far off. He is not hidden in a temple made by human hands, nor is He waiting to come near someday in the future. He is near. Always present. Always available.

Paul said in **Acts 17:27**:

"That they would seek God, if perhaps they might feel around for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us."

This was written before the destruction of the temple in 70 AD. If God was already near then, how much more now, under the New Covenant, where He dwells not in buildings, but in His people?

Wisdom for the Asking

This truth echoes the promises of Scripture:

"But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." James 1:5

We are not left groping in the dark. God gives wisdom to those who ask, not someday in the future, but now. Not with conditions, not with reluctance, but generously.

Walking in Trust and Clarity

As we seek God's wisdom and submit to Him, we are promised direction:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5–6

In this fulfilled kingdom, where Christ reigns and we walk in His righteousness, we are never without guidance. The Spirit of

wisdom abides in those who belong to Him.

The Fruit of God's Wisdom

The wisdom God gives is not just knowledge. It brings:

Clarity in confusion

Direction in uncertainty

Peace in the midst of the world's noise

Proverbs 2:6–7 says:

"For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity,"

Notice He stores it up. It is not scarce. It is not hidden. It is available, preserved for those who walk uprightly. And who are the upright? Those clothed in Christ's righteousness, those who dwell in the kingdom, those who walk by faith.

Living in the Reality of His Presence

Let us not forget, God's closeness is not theoretical. It is real. We are the temple now. We are the city set on a hill. We are the Jerusalem that is from above, the bride of the Lamb.

So we do not seek His wisdom as those far off. We seek as children seated at His feet. And we receive, because we are not asking from a distance, but from His very presence.

Let us draw near. Let us listen. Let us walk wisely, for the days may not be evil as they once were, but the world still needs the light of those who carry the wisdom of God.

Amen.

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