DISCERNMENT

Insight or Discretion



4 But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

Daniel 12:4(LSB)



24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Matthew 24:24(LSB)



1 My son, if you will receive my words

- And treasure my commandments within you,
- 2 To make your ear pay attention to wisdom,
- Incline your heart to discernment;

3 For if you call out for understanding, Give your voice for discernment; 4 If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures;

5 Then you will understand the fear of Yahweh And find the knowledge of God. 6 For Yahweh gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and discernment.



7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright, A shield to those who walk in integrity, 8 To guard the paths of justice, And He keeps the way of His holy ones.

9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice And equity—every good track.
10 For wisdom will enter your heart And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;

11 Discretion will keep you, Discernment will guard you,

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David. 27 If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of Yahweh at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah."

1 Kings 12:26-29(LSB)



28 So the king took counsel, and made two golden calves, and he said to them, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt." 29 And he set one in Bethel, and one he put in Dan.

1 Kings 12:26-29(LSB)

1 Now behold, there came a man of God from Judah to Bethel by the word of Yahweh, while Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense.



2 And he cried against the altar by the word of Yahweh, and said, "O altar, altar, thus says Yahweh, 'Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah is his name; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and human bones shall be burned on you."

3 Then he gave a miraculous sign the same day, saying, "This is the miraculous sign which Yahweh has spoken, 'Behold, the altar shall be torn apart and the ashes which are on it shall be poured out."



4 Now it happened that when the king heard the word of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Bethel, Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him." But his hand which he stretched out against him dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself.

5 The altar also was torn apart and the ashes were poured out from the altar, according to the miraculous sign which the man of God had given by the word of Yahweh.



6 Then the king answered and said to the man of God, "Please entreat Yahweh your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me." So the man of God entreated Yahweh, and the king's hand was restored to him, and it became as it was before.

7 Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a gift." 8 But the man of God said to the king, "If you were to give me half your house, I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water in this place.

9 For so it was commanded me by the word of Yahweh, saying, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water, nor return by the way which you came." 10 So he went another way and did not return by the way which he came to Bethel.

26 Like a trampled spring and a polluted well Is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.

Proverbs 25:26(NASB95)



11 Now an old prophet was living in Bethel; and his sons came and recounted to him all the work which the man of God had done that day in Bethel; the words which he had spoken to the king, these also they recounted to their father.

12 And their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" And his sons had seen the way which the man of God who came from Judah had gone.



13 Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him and he rode away on it. 14 So he went after the man of God and found him sitting under an oak; and he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."



16 And he said, "I cannot return with you, nor go with you, nor will I eat bread or drink water with you in this place. 17 For a word came to me by the word of Yahweh, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water there; do not return by going the way which you came."



18 And he said to him, "I also am a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to me by the word of Yahweh, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water." But he dealt falsely with him.

20 But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'

Deuteronomy 18:20(LSB)



8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to the gospel we have proclaimed to you, let him be accursed!

Galatians 1:8,10(LSB)



10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a slave of Christ.

Galatians 1:8,10(LSB)



18 And he said to him, "I also am a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to me by the word of Yahweh, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water." But he dealt falsely with him. 19 So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house and drank water.



20 Now it happened as they were sitting down at the table, that the word of Yahweh came to the prophet who had brought him back;



21 and he called out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Because you have rebelled against the word of Yahweh, and have not kept the commandment which Yahweh your God commanded you,

22 but have returned and eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which He said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water"; your body shall not come to the grave of your fathers."



23 Now it happened after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back.



24 Then he went and on the way a lion met him and put him to death, and his body was thrown on the road, with the donkey standing beside it; the lion also was standing beside the body.



25 And behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown on the road, and the lion standing beside the body; so they came and spoke about it in the city where the old prophet lived.



1 Brothers, even if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, each of you looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

Galatians 6:1(LSB)



"Those who preach God's wrath to others have hard hearts indeed if they fear it not themselves."

Matthew Henry



33 After this event Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but he returned and made priests of the high places from among all the people; any who delighted to be so, he ordained. So they became priests of the high places. 34 And this event became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to blot it out and destroy it from off the face of the earth.

1 Kings 13:33-34(LSB)

