



LESSON 3: JUDGES: GOD SENDS DEBORAH TO HELP BARAK DEEPER BIBLE: DOES GOD GIVE WISDOM ONLY TO SPECIAL PEOPLE?

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Play Mother, May I?

Let's start our Deeper Bible time with a game of Mother, May I? Here's how to play: line up against one wall while you stand across the room from them. Take turns asking to take a specific number of a specific type of steps (giant steps, baby steps, hops, or regular steps), and say either yes or no. For example, you might ask "Mother, may I take three giant steps?" The goal is to reach mother first.

How did it feel to play that game? When you realized I was saying yes to only a few kids, you might've gotten discouraged. Maybe you didn't feel like playing anymore, knowing you weren't getting a yes answer.

Is that how getting wisdom from God works? We're learning that God gives us wisdom. But listen to what happened in our Bible story.

Read Judges 4:4-5

⁴Deborah, the wife of Lappidoth, was a prophet who was judging Israel at that time. ⁵She would sit under the Palm of Deborah, between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites would go to her for judgment.

Deborah definitely had wisdom from God. But what about the people who came to her? Couldn't God give **them** wisdom, too? Or does God give wisdom only to special people? Let's dig in to that.

Dig Deeper

Let's see what the Bible says about how to get wisdom. Listen for what these verses say about **who** can get wisdom and **how** they can get it.

Read James 1:5-8

⁵While at Bezek they encountered King Adoni-bezek and fought against him, and the Canaanites and Perizzites were defeated. ⁶Adoni-bezek escaped, but the Israelites soon captured him and cut off his thumbs and big toes.

⁷*Adoni-bezek said, "I once had seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off, eating scraps from under my table. Now God has paid me back for what I did to them." They took him to Jerusalem, and he died there.*

⁸*The men of Judah attacked Jerusalem and captured it, killing all its people and setting the city on fire.*

Based on these verses, can anyone get wisdom? What does it take to get wisdom?

These verses tell us **anyone** who needs wisdom can get it. But we need to ask God and have faith in him.

Let's see what else the Bible says about wisdom.

Read Proverbs 1:5-6

⁵*Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser.*

Let those with understanding receive guidance

⁶*by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables,
the words of the wise and their riddles.*

How has reading the Bible given **you** wisdom?

Read Proverbs 2:1-4

*My child,^[a] listen to what I say,
and treasure my commands.*

²*Tune your ears to wisdom,
and concentrate on understanding.*

³*Cry out for insight,
and ask for understanding.*

⁴*Search for them as you would for silver;
seek them like hidden treasures.*

These verses talk about searching for wisdom. So, let's search for wisdom right now!

Search for Wisdom

What are some places, besides God and the Bible, people look for wisdom? People look for wisdom all over the place, like you did. But true wisdom doesn't come from the world around us—it comes from God. Listen to this.

Read Proverbs 2:6-8

⁶For the LORD grants wisdom!

From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

⁷He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest.

He is a shield to those who walk with integrity.

⁸He guards the paths of the just

and protects those who are faithful to him.

God gives us wisdom. We can seek wisdom from **him**, not the world around us. Wisdom is for everybody! We just need to seek it from the real source: God.

How has another person helped you find wisdom?

God gives us wisdom. And we can follow the examples of people who've already found help from God. In the Bible story, that's what the people did. They knew Deborah had God's wisdom, so they turned to her to hear from God.