

25 January 2026

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SERVICE TIMES

Bible Study & Sunday School

Bible Study 9:00- 9:45 AM.

Sunday School 9:00-9:45 AM

Young Adults 9:00- 9:45 AM.

Youth 9:00- 9:45 AM.

Sunday Worship

AM: 10:00 - 11:15

PM: 18:00 -19:00

From the desk of Dereck...

How Do We Get Wisdom?

Here is a question that the Bible directly answers in scripture. In **James 1:5**, James writes, *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."* James states that if someone wants wisdom, he may ask God and God will give him wisdom. James doesn't, however, state **"how"** God gives wisdom; neither does James state that prayer is the ONLY way through which we can get wisdom. James simply says to ask for it if you lack it, and God will provide. But how does God **give** wisdom?

In the past, God gave wisdom directly to those who were inspired. In **Daniel 2:23**, Daniel thanks God for the wisdom that God had miraculously given to Him. He says, *"I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast now made known unto me what we desired of thee; for thou hast made known unto us the king's matter."* Peter also tells us that God had inspired Paul with wisdom to write his epistles in **2 Peter 3:15, 16**: *"And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."* God also gave Jesus great wisdom, prompting some to ask from where such wisdom originated: *"And when the sabbath was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, Whence hath this man these things? and, What is the wisdom that is given unto this man, and what mean such mighty works wrought by his hands?"* (**Mark 6:2**). Paul also wrote concerning miraculous wisdom that was given by the Spirit in **1 Corinthians 12:8**: *"For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit."* With the cessation of miraculous gifts (**1 Corinthians 13:8-10**) also came the cessation of miraculous wisdom. Does God give wisdom directly today? One might just as well argue that God gives knowledge directly as one would that God gives wisdom directly today.

However, God does give wisdom in other ways. Just as God once gave knowledge directly by inspiration, which knowledge is now contained within His word, so also God, who gave wisdom by inspiration, has also left much wisdom for us in His word. The writer of the book of Proverbs states plainly that if one desires to know wisdom, he should study that book. **Proverbs 1:1-3** state: *"The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity."* Paul also spoke concerning the wisdom that was revealed through the gospel in **1 Corinthians 2:7**, *"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory."* Finally, Paul teaches that within the mystery of Christ "are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (**Colossians 2:3**).

Are there other ways in which God makes wisdom known? Yes. In **Ephesians 3:10**, Paul writes that God makes known His wisdom through the church. *"To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God."* We may also gain wisdom through our cumulative lifetime experiences. If we believe that all things work together for good for the Christian (**Romans 8:28**), then God may also use "all things" to give wisdom as well.

God gives wisdom! What a great and wonderful blessing. May we ever look for and expect the wisdom of God in our lives.

Best in Christ, Dereck

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LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Tuesdays at 10am

Contact: Sue 063 779 9914 or Ali 084 5584 508

MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Wednesday 7.00 - 8.00 pm

SMALL GROUPS

Thursday evening group, Bible Study

Thursday 7.00—8.00pm

Contact: Johan G 083 233 4726 or Darryn 072 385 9062

KFC: meet alternate Fridays 18H30—20H00

Kids for Christ Grade 2 to Grade 7

Contact: Devereaux 081 734 2204

YOUTH: Grade 8 to Grade 12 meet 5th Sunday of month

Contact: Darryn & Danelle McLachlan 072 385 9062

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	18 January	01 February
Cradle roll	Marietjie	Marietjie
Age 4—6	Leonie & Lauren	Sarah Leigh & Patricia Anne
Grade 1—4	Ali	Jacks
Grade 5—6	Tish	Werner Crous
Grade 7	Wendy	Lucy May

THIS WEEK 25 January 2026

AM	PM	DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 01 February 2026	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Skot Gordon		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
Criston Sloan		SONG LEADER	Joe Tshililo	
Jorren Sloan		LORD'S SUPPER	Glen DW Holmes	
Jorren, Charles, Duan, Kyle		AM SERVERS	Glen, Thama, Criston, Werner	
Charles Markotter		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Thama Mabuda	
Derek Beukes	Study in Proverbs Wisdom's Call	PREACHING	Derek Beukes	Song & Prayer
Duan Stander		CLOSING PRAYER	Criston Sloan	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Charles / Eleanor		Audio/Visual	Marc / Jorren	

PRAYER REQUESTS



Those who are ill/surgeries: Annette Day, Suzanne Borlase, Willem Schoeman, Lynn Hendricks, Elijah April.

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to Jankel Friedman's family, Peter Jäck's family and Paul Diedericks family, Hannah Lombard's family, . May the God of comfort be with you.

The elderly & those in need of prayer: SA Bible College, our country & leaders & world leaders, and those affected by war.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



JD Beukes RIP		25 Jan
Amy DW Holmes		30 Jan
Peter Jäck		30 Jan
Charles Markotter		31 Jan

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Wayne & Cindy Peinke—25 Jan

Charles & Tish Markotter—30 Jan

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Tish

Book: Forgotten God (a study on the Holy Spirit)



Ch 1: I've got Jesus. Why do I need the Spirit?

Announcements & prayer: Sue

THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Christa Gerber.

Jorren will be teaching.

Please contact Christa Gerber on 084 897 4974 with any queries.

Malmesbury/Paarl group will resume on 29 January, on zoom.

Please contact Darryn McLachlan 072 385 9062 for the details.



SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Study from Proverbs—Wisdom's Call

Date: Sun 25 January at: 6pm

Glen is teaching

FINANCES

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

2 Cor. 8 : 7



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