



# The Gospel According to Job

July 12: A Wisdom Hymn: Job 28

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

Is it better to be street-smart or book-smart?

**Psalm 78:1-3** Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

## Chapter Outline

1. 28:1-11: Mining Wisdom
2. 28:12-19: Elusive Wisdom
3. 28:20-28: Source of Wisdom

## Job 28:1-6

What is it about mining that has captured Job's attention?

**Genesis 2:10-12** A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.

According to Job, what valuable products are uncovered by mining?

**Romans 11:33-34** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?

## Job 28:7-11

What makes humans unique in the animal world?

What is the end result of mining?

**Isaiah 45:2-3** I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

## **Job 28:12-19**

Do we value wisdom rightly?

Where do humans typically look for wisdom?

What mined products pale in comparison to wisdom?

**1 Kings 9:28** And they went to Ophir and brought from there gold, 420 talents, and they brought it to King Solomon.

## **Job 28:20-22**

Is wisdom more elusive than the wealth of the earth?

What do Abaddon and Death know of wisdom? What does this mean?

**Job 4:12** Now a word was brought to me stealthily; my ear received the whisper of it.

## **Job 28:23-27**

What does God know and understand?

**Proverbs 8:22** The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

What does God do with wisdom?

## **Job 28:28**

How does God define wisdom for humanity?

**Job 1:1** There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

**Colossians 2:1-3** For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.