

# **HOW TERRIBLE IS WISDOM**

## **WHEN IT BRINGS NO PROFIT TO THE MAN THAT'S WISE?**



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**What would you do if given the knowledge?**

- Would you hoard it?**
- Would you hide it?**
- Would you persecute anyone who opposed you for it?**

## **Acts 4:1 King James Version**

**4** And as they spake unto the people,  
the priests, and the captain of the  
temple, and the Sadducees, came upon  
them,

**Peter and John are arrested  
and are about to be put on trial**

**NOTHING LIKE A GOOD TRIAL  
TO TEST YOUR FAITH IN GOD!!!!**

**In Chapter 3**, they had previously preached about Jesus, and how the church leaders were directly responsible for killing Christ

→ this means the religious leaders had alerted the temple guard, who was responsible for all order/disorder that happened within the temple district

→ killing Jesus was supposed to have put an end to his followers, but it had the opposite effect

**REMEMBER WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS HERE.....**

**PETER AND JOHN ARE ARRESTED “AS THEY SPAKE”.....**

**WHICH MEANS AS THEY WERE PREACHING!!!!**

## **Acts 4:2-3 King James Version**

**2** Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

**3** And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

**Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection**



## **The Bible makes it a point to mention that it was evening time**

- this means the temple offerings were concluded**
- no official actions could be taken by the Sanhedrin until the next day, so Peter and John spend the night in lock up**

**WOULD YOU SPEND A NIGHT  
IN JAIL FOR JESUS??**

## **Acts 4:4 King James Version**

**4** Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

**The church has gone from 3,000 on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41) to 5,000 at this moment in time**

**(these numbers only were counting the men as head of the households, not the women and children)**

**Despite the persecution,  
God's word is spreading far and wide**

**JUST LIKE TODAY!!!!**

## **1 John 2:14-15 King James Version**

**14** I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

**15** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

## **Isaiah 55:11 King James Version**

**11** So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

## **2 Timothy 2:9 King James Version**

**9** Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.



## **Acts 4:5-6 King James Version**

**5** And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

**6** And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

**WHEN YOU ARE DOING GOD'S WORK BOLDLY,  
THE ENEMY WILL SEND IN THE HIGH  
COURT TO TAKE YOU DOWN!!!**

**The term “rulers, elders and scribes” refers to the Sanhedrin or ruling body of the Jews at this time**

**Let us take a look at who is called out by name:**

**Annas → Jews recognized him as high priest but he was not officially in power, he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas**

**Caiaphas → high priest in the eyes of the Romans**

**John → unknown**

**Alexander → unknown**

**These are the men in charge of the trial of  
Peter and John**

## **Acts 4:7 King James Version**

**7** And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

**Straight to the point is the question asked**

- believe it or not, they are actually doing what God had told them to do (in Deut 13:1-5) regarding true/false prophets**

**The questions also come from a place of fear:**

- fear of losing power**
- fear of losing recognition**
- fear of losing riches**
- fear of losing influence**

**DOES THIS NOT SOUND LIKE  
OUR LEADERS TODAY??**



## **Acts 4:8-10 King James Version**

**8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

**9** If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

**10** Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

**Always remember how Peter's response happens:**

**The Bible says he was filled with the Holy Ghost,  
THEN HE SPOKE**

**WHEN YOU'RE ON TRIAL FOR JESUS,**

**WATCH THE WORDS GOD  
WILL GIVE YOU TO SPEAK!!!!**

## **Matthew 10:18-20 King James Version**

**18** And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

**19** But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

**20** For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

## **Mark 13:11 King James Version**

**11** But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

## **Luke 21:12-15 King James Version**

**12** But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. **13** And it shall turn to you for a testimony. **14** Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: **15** For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

**Peter and John credited Jesus with the power to make men whole:**

- it was the name of God**
- it was Christ who they crucified**
- it was the resurrected Christ**



## **Acts 4:11-12 King James Version**

**11** This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

**12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

**Famous words, Christ is the only way to salvation**

**→ the world is constantly trying to tell us otherwise**

## **1 Peter 2:6 King James Version**

**6** Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture,  
Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect,  
precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be  
confounded.

## **1 Corinthians 3:11 King James Version**

**11** For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**NOW WE ARE ABOUT  
TO SEE WHEN WISDOM  
BRINGS NO PROFIT TO THE WISE!!**

## **Acts 4:13-14 King James Version**

**13** Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

**14** And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

**The “wise men” of the  
Sanhedrin call Peter and John  
ignorant and unlearned**

**It was the disciples boldness  
and power that caused the  
rulers  
to recognize them**



**WHEN YOU'VE BEEN WITH JESUS,  
BOLDNESS DOES NOT COME FROM  
FORMAL EDUCATION!!!!**

## **Hebrews 4:16 King James Version**

**16** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

## **1 John 1:3 King James Version**

**3** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

**There was clear evidence these men were speaking the truth, and had the man they previously healed there as further proof**

**PETER AND JOHN WERE NOT  
UNLEARNED AND IGNORANT  
ABOUT THE SAVIOR!!!**

**THE WORLD NEEDS MORE PEOPLE  
WHO HAVE BEEN WITH GOD!!!**

**Many know about science and math,  
but few know about the Creator**

**Many know about space,  
but few know about grace**

**Many know about politics,  
but few know about God's plan**

**Many know about psychology,  
but few know the one that can solve ALL problems**

**The priests were shocked**

**→ How could uneducated fisherman now be public speakers and theologians??**

**THIS IS WHAT GOD CAN DO TO THOSE WHO  
HE CHOOSES!!**



**Peter and John were there to tell  
people to repent for their sins and  
accept Christ as Savior**

## **Acts 4:15-18 King James Version**

**15** But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

**16** Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.

**17** But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

**18** And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

**ISN'T IT AMAZING HOW PEOPLE WILL  
STILL CONSPIRE AGAINST YOU.....**

**EVEN AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN PROVEN RIGHT??**

**They admit the miracle has taken place,  
and no one can deny it  
(because of the man made whole)**

**They decide to threaten Peter and John  
with severe consequences if they kept  
preaching/teaching about God**

## **Matthew 5:11 King James Version**

**11** Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

## **Matthew 10:22 King James Version**

**22** And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.



## **Philippians 1:28 King James Version**

**28** And in nothing terrified by your adversaries:  
which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to  
you of salvation, and that of God.

## **Acts 4:19-20 King James Version**

**19** But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

**20** For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

**Peter and John's response??**

**DON'T STOP, KEEP PREACHING!!!!**

**Christ had commanded the disciples to preach  
and teach the word of God**

- he was/is the highest authority that must be obeyed**
- the disciples were testifying they had seen and heard Christ before and after the resurrection**

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**3** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

## **2 Corinthians 4:13 King James Version**

**13** We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

## **1 Peter 3:15 King James Version**

**15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

## **Acts 4:21-22 King James Version**

**21** So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

**22** For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.



**Peter and John are released**

- All the people praised God**
- They recognized the true miracle of God**
- The unnamed man from chapter 3 were are told is about 40 years old**

**CAN YOU IMAGINE HIS TESTIMONY???**

## **Hebrews 13:15 King James Version**

**15** By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

## **Matthew 5:16 King James Version**

**16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

**Psalm 35:28 King James Version**

**28** And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness  
and of thy praise all the day long.

**HOW TERRIBLE IS WISDOM.....**

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MAN THAT'S WISE??**

**THE TEMPLE LEADERS WHO TRIED  
PETER AND JOHN.....**

**THEY HAD THEIR BOOKS BUT DID NOT  
HAVE KNOWLEDGE!!!**

**THEY KNEW ABOUT PROCEDURE....**

**BUT DID NOT KNOW ABOUT SALVATION!!**

**THEY CALLED THE DISCIPLES  
UNLEARNED AND IGNORANT....**

**BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE!!!**



**LET THE DISCIPLES BOLDNESS  
AND POWER BE**

**AN EXAMPLE TO ALL OF US!!!**

**NO MATTER WHERE YOU COME FROM,**

**GOD CAN USE ANY OF US TO  
CHANGE THE WORLD!!!**

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