

Chapter 15 **WHY SILVER?**

Proverbs 2:1 - 6

***"My son, if you receive my words,
And treasure my commands within you,
So that you incline your ear to wisdom,
And apply your heart to understanding;
Yes, if you cry out for discernment,
And lift up your voice for understanding,
If you seek her as silver,
And search for her as for hidden treasures;
Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,
And find the knowledge of God.
For the LORD gives wisdom..."***

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Reading this passage of Scripture one morning. I mused on the words:

" If you seek her [wisdom] as silver"

My thoughts were, "Why, Lord, do you tell us to seek wisdom as silver? Why silver, Lord, why not gold? But I know you must have a reason for this; please help me understand".

'Search', say these verses, so I searched and, found information on silver in a topical dictionary, reading:

"Silver is only found in deep shafts; it raises no hope of its existence by any sings, giving off no shining sparkles such as are seen in the case of gold."

Immediately, I was excited as I thought upon the fact that there is no outward evidence, nothing showing on the surface, meaning that;

- Seeking for it would be solely on the basis of faith that it is there;
- Seeking on the basis that this treasure was worth searching for, indeed, treasure of great value;

- Seeking would be motivated by great personal desire to discover and make this treasure one's own;
- Seeking would need to be consistent, with day by day perseverance, concentration and expectancy.

Gold can be discovered on the surface of the ground and has, many times, been discovered without effort, just stumbled upon, but, not so silver! Finding silver must be the result of believing, persevering application to search for that which is not apparent.

"Thank You, Father", I breathed, "now I understand why Your Word tells us to search for wisdom as for silver!"

He who IS Himself the Wisdom of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, is revealed in the written word of God. He who dwells in the believer, by His Spirit wants us to grow, day by day, in our personal knowledge and understanding of Him that we might be increasingly enabled to know Him more and to speak of Him openly, as and when He gives opportunity. The Lord Jesus is right there, in the written Word, for us to discover. If we will search as for silver.

"...He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him"
(Hebrews 11:6)