

What I Have Learned

Based on what you've read, can you identify reasons to praise God?

Answer the following questions.

1. What two instructions are given to you in Psalm 47:1?
 - a. Run and hide.
 - b. Clap your hands and shout to God with triumph (joy).
 - c. Listen and read.
2. God is described as King of what (v. 2)?
 - a. heaven
 - b. America
 - c. all the Earth
3. According to verse 4, what has God chosen for us?
 - a. our inheritance
 - b. our future
 - c. our dinner
4. What instruction is repeated four times in verse 6?
 - a. Honor God.
 - b. Sing praises.
 - c. Love all.

Keep In Mind

"Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise"
(Psalm 47:6–7, NIV).

Choosing What's Best

How do you think you should feel knowing that God rules over the earth?

JOYFUL comes to mind. How can you express that joy? Write suggestions on the lines below.

Doing My Part

Juniorway® is declaring this week as a week of praise. Every day this week, you are to spend time praising God for being the greatest Leader of all.



What Should I Do?

What's It All About?

Jonathan was excited about the birthday party that his friend, Kevin, was having at the skating rink. He was hoping his mom would allow him to go to the party by himself since it was across the street from his house. Jonathan did not like the fact that his mom still did not let him hang out with his friends the way he wanted. She was always saying that before she would allow him to have more privileges, he had to show he was wise enough to make responsible decisions. He felt that since

he was 11 years old, he was old enough to do more things on his own. He decided to talk to his mother about the party.

"Hey, Mom," he approached her in the den, "you know Kevin's party is coming up this weekend. I was wondering if I could go to the party by myself." Jonathan sat down beside her.

"I hear what you are saying, sweetheart, but supervision is important," his mom said. "What if something happens? When I send you to school, I know that your teachers and other adults will be there to watch over you and help you make good choices. There is a lot of responsibility that goes with a privilege like attending a party alone."

"I know, Mom, but I won't be totally alone. Kevin's mom is going to be there the whole time."

Jonathan and his mother continued to talk. She decided to let him go to the skating party under certain conditions. She also instructed him not to leave the skating rink until the party was over and to call before he left so she could watch out for him. She let Jonathan know she was expecting him to be responsible and obedient and was praying that he made wise decisions while he was there.

Jonathan's mother had to use wisdom as she considered whether or not she should allow her son to attend Kevin's party alone. The way that Jonathan handled this situation would determine how much he would be trusted in the future. What type of situations could come up at a party that would require him (you) to make wise decisions?



Learning From God

Some people think that to be wise you have to be old. Wisdom has nothing to do with your age. It comes from God. Solomon, the main author of the book of Proverbs, was young when he asked God for wisdom to rule over Israel, and God gave it to him.

As you read today's Scripture, circle the different words in the text that describe wisdom and the ways you get wisdom. Then underline all the phrases that describe the good things that come from getting wisdom.

Proverbs 2:1-5, NIV—My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, **2** turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart

to understanding—**3** indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, **4** and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, **5** then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 3:1–6—My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, **2** for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. **3** Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. **4** Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. **5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; **6** in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:13–18—Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, **14** for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. **15** She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. **16** Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. **17** Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. **18** She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

Is there anything that is so important to you that you would search for it until you found it? Wisdom is worth seeking. When we allow wisdom—godly wisdom—to be a part of our lives, we will make choices that will make our lives better.

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Answer the following questions.

1. Where are you to store God's commands?
 - a. treasure chest
 - b. heart
 - c. head
2. What should you not lean on?
 - a. a wobbly tree
 - b. a friend
 - c. your own understanding
3. What should you turn your ear to?
 - a. wisdom
 - b. the radio
 - c. gossip

4. Wisdom is more precious than what?
 - a. gold
 - b. silver
 - c. rubies
5. What is in wisdom's right hand?
 - a. candy
 - b. money
 - c. long life (length of days)

Keep In Mind

***"Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,"
(Proverbs 3:13, NIV).***

Choosing What's Best

While Jonathan was at the skating party, he was approached by some of his friends who wanted him to leave the skating rink and go to the corner store next door. He had a tough decision to make. He knew it was wise to obey his mother's instructions, but he did not want to be teased and feel left out if he did not go with his friends. What good or bad could happen based on the choice he made?

Doing My Part

We make many decisions every day, even when we are not thinking about it. This week, pray like Solomon did that God would give you wisdom to make godly choices. Ask yourself the following questions when faced with a decision. If you answer "no" to any of these questions, you may need to rethink your choice; you may be making a foolish decision.

1. Does this decision show a respect for God?
2. Have I talked to God about this situation?
3. Is this decision going to prolong my life and make my life better?
4. Does the choice I am making agree with God's Word?