Monday, 7 December 2015 Revelation 4:8

Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—the One who always was, who is, and who is still to come."

The absolute perfection. The One who completes. The One who is all things. The One who lacks nothing. How can I, Lord, begin to comprehend the totality of your holiness? But far more than comprehend, how can I continue to grow in holiness? To slowly but surely, continue the process of transformation that seeks to fulfill the command to be holy even as You are holy.

Tuesday, 8 December 2015 Isaiah 28:23-26, 29

Give ear, and hear my voice; give attention, and hear my speech. Does he who plows for sowing plow continually? Does he continually open and harrow his ground? When he has leveled its surface, does he not scatter dill, sow cumin, and put in wheat in rows and barley in its proper place, and emmer as the border? For he is rightly instructed; his God teaches him...This also comes from the LORD of hosts; he is wonderful in counsel and excellent in wisdom.

Lord, so easy to forget that **all** wisdom comes from You. **All** rightly applied knowledge whether it is agricultural husbandry or the most complex mathematical proof has its genesis in You. Yet, like those who built the Tower of Babel, modern man pats himself on the back and says, What a bright boy am I."

I repent of my adamant attitude and seek the transformation that will lead me to live in a state of thanksgiving as You reveal Your wisdom to me.

Wednesday, 9 December 2015 Jeremiah 10:12

It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens. I wonder, Lord, why man is driven to dig into the hows of the creation and less into the whys? It is right and proper to seek the answers to the mechanics of the creation if I am seeking a deeper understanding of You and in order to build a sense of appreciation and awe for the beauty and completeness of the creation. But modern man seeks that understanding as a means to deny You, a confirmation of his worldview that man is the supreme being. Does He refuse to dig into the whys because it is that where Your purpose is revealed?

Thursday, 10 December 2015 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.

Lord, that great revelation: the riches of the full assurance that You are the source, the Great Treasure Chest of **all** wisdom and knowledge. It also is that love, true sacrificial agape, is the glue that binds me that treasure into me to the extent that I live out that love. Hallelujah, my acts of obedience in loving my neighbor bring me into a closer God-centered relationship. Or into a greater conformance with the first commandment. That, indeed, is all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Friday, 11 December 2015 Psalms 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Isaiah 6:5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

LORD, God the Almighty, give me that fear that drove Isaiah to his knees, fill me with the heart-rending cry, "Woe is me! For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." That is the fear that is the beginning of wisdom, not a belief that I serve a nimby-pamby god of smarmy love, but the conviction that I serve the God who maintains **all** by the power of His voice. This is the beginning of wisdom.

Saturday, 12 December 2015

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

> Lord, that I should be like Solomon (2 Chronicles 1:9-10) and only ask for wisdom? Forgive me, Lord, that I insist on asking for personal blessings other than wisdom, I persist in seeking material blessings and not that treasure that can only come from You. Lord, give me a measure of wisdom in every aspect of my life. It is wisdom that will enable me to live a life that fully glorifies You.

Lord's Day, 13 December 2015 Psalm 119:160 The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

> If my charge from You is to proclaim good news to the poor, and it is, then that Good News is "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is available to you now." Now is the time of the Lord's favor, now is the time of liberty for those in the bondage of sin, now is the time for the blind to see, now is the Time.

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