

Job 28:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

Analysis

Job's rhetorical question: 'But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?' This acknowledges that wisdom's location remains mysterious despite human technological achievement (mining, etc.). True wisdom transcends human discovery.

Historical Context

Ancient mining technology was sophisticated, yet Job observes that finding precious metals is easier than finding wisdom. The chapter contrasts earthly and heavenly treasures.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. Where do you seek wisdom when human knowledge proves insufficient?
2. How does the hiddenness of wisdom humble human achievement?

Interlinear Text

וְהִכְכְּמָהּ	יֵמָּה יֵן	תִּמְצֹא	וְאֵי	יְהִי	מִקֹּם
shall wisdom	But where	be found	H335	H2088	and where is the place
H2451	H370	H4672			H4725
בִּינָה:					
of understanding					
H998					

Additional Cross-References

Job 28:20 (Parallel theme): Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?

James 1:5 (Parallel theme): If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Proverbs 3:19 (Parallel theme): The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

Colossians 2:3 (Parallel theme): In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Job 28:28 (Parallel theme): And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

James 1:17 (Parallel theme): Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.