

# Proverbs 2:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

## Analysis

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This verse reveals the divine source of wisdom. After commanding pursuit of wisdom (vv.1-5), Solomon declares that 'the LORD giveth wisdom' (הָיְתָה חָכְמָה יְתִין יְהָוָה / Yahweh yiten chokhmah). Human effort alone cannot produce wisdom—it is God's gift. 'Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding' emphasizes revelation: wisdom flows from God's self-disclosure in His word. This anticipates the New Testament's fuller revelation that Christ is the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24, 30) and that God's word makes us wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15). The verse balances human responsibility (seek wisdom diligently) with divine sovereignty (God gives wisdom). James 1:5 echoes this: 'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally.'

## Historical Context

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This verse reflects the ancient Near Eastern understanding that true wisdom originates from the divine realm.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How do you balance diligent pursuit of wisdom with dependence on God to grant it?
2. In what ways have you experienced God giving you wisdom when you sought it from Him?

## Interlinear Text

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H3588	For the LORD	H3068	H5414	H2451		H6310		H1847

וְהִיא מִתְּבָנָה:  
**and understanding**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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.

**Psalms 119:98** (Parallel theme): Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

**Job 32:8** (Parallel theme): But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

**Isaiah 54:13** (References Lord): And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

**Luke 21:15** (Parallel theme): For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

**John 6:45** (Parallel theme): It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

**1 Kings 3:12** (Parallel theme): Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

**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.

**Isaiah 8:20** (Parallel theme): To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

**Psalms 119:104** (Parallel theme): Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.