3-10-2024 Sunday Sermon Message Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16 Main scripture: Proverbs 11:30 Title: <u>Two Things That Make a Man Wise</u> <u>from the birth</u>

In general, if a person is wise, it means that he has wisdom. But there are two kinds of wisdom. The first is the wisdom that is understood through human reason. Second, the wisdom of God's words.

The representative person who is considered to be a wise person in the world is a philosopher or a religious person. A philosopher is the one who loves wisdom. Typical religious leaders would be Buddha and Confucius.

There is a very significant thing that the Buddha said. "

Any time a person named Jesus comes into the world, his teachings are like lamps without oil. In other words, it is a honest confession that the teachings he taught people could not give them life.

Confucius also realized that he had taught people the ethics and morals that should be observed between people, but he also could not give them anything more, that is, eternal life, and told them to follow the Son of God when He appeared in the distant future.

God is saying that in order for a person to become a wise man, he must first realize that he was born a sinner, believe in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, receive the Holy Spirit through righteousness, become a tree of life, preach the gospel to those who are in sin, and win their souls from the hand of the devil, the one who holds the power of death.

In Old Testament times, King David, a man justified by God's Word, confessed before God:

"¹³ Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:¹⁴ From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.¹⁵ As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." (Psalm 17:13-15)

The philosophies and religions of the world are leading the souls of men to hell by making them not realize that they are sinners in their own way under the guise of giving wisdom and benefit to those who are born into the world and living in sin.

What they are doing is to prevent people from seeing what is beyond death, and to make them concentrate on eating and drinking, marrying, marrying, tearing down their burdens, and building as they did in the days of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah of old, so that the day of the Lord will come like a thief and destroy them.

God gave wisdom to Christians who believed in the gospel of Christ and received life and became trees of life, and gave them the power to win souls. God foretold long ago through the prophet Daniel the reward of wise servants who win souls:

¹¹² And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.³ And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.Many who sleep in the dust of the earth will awaken, and some will have everlasting life, and some will suffer shame and eternal reproach. The wise will shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who convert many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.(Daniel 12:2-3)

God has opened the way for the Gospel of Christ to be preached to Christians living in the Age of Grace, leading souls to God. In addition, during the Tribulation, God has one hundred and forty-four thousand Jewish evangelists preach the gospel of the kingdom, thus opening the way for the blessings of wise servants to receive from them. He also gave a way for those who could not be raptured and were left behind in the Great Tribulation to preach the gospel in the midst of suffering. He will make it possible to preach the gospel to those who endure until the end of the great tribulation and enter the millennial kingdom after being saved. The psalmist testified of the Gospel to be preached at that time:

"Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously....The LORD reigneth; let the

<u>earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be</u> <u>glad thereof."(Psalm 96:10; 97:1)</u>

To win souls is to wage a spiritual war against the devil. In order to win the souls that are bound under Satan's hands through this spiritual warfare, we must put on the whole armor of God. The Apostle Paul witnessed to the Saints in the church in Ephesus:

"¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ve may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;¹⁵ And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

¹⁹ And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,"(Ephesians 6:10-19)

<u>Amen! Hallelujah!</u>