

Mining for Treasure

**The Most Important
Search of Your Life**

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“Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it.”

- Men have learned how to discover silver veins.
- Men have learned how to find gold and refine it.
- They fine gold in refineries, they do not find it.
- They incur great cost, difficulty, effort, risk, etc.
- Why this verse? Is life more than silver and gold?

Silver Vein (1)



Silver Vein (2)



Silver Vein (3)



Silver Mines (1)



Silver Mines (2)



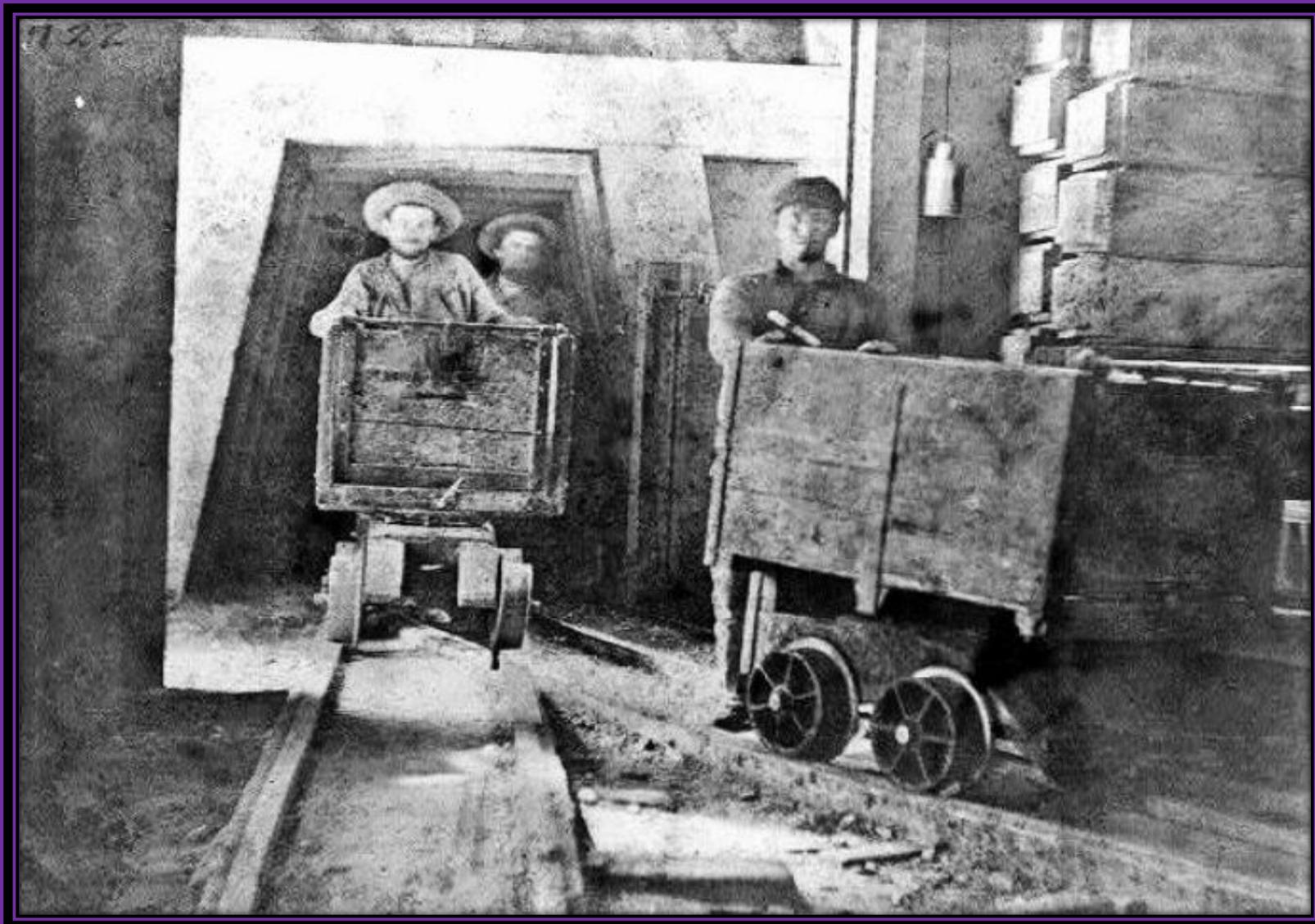
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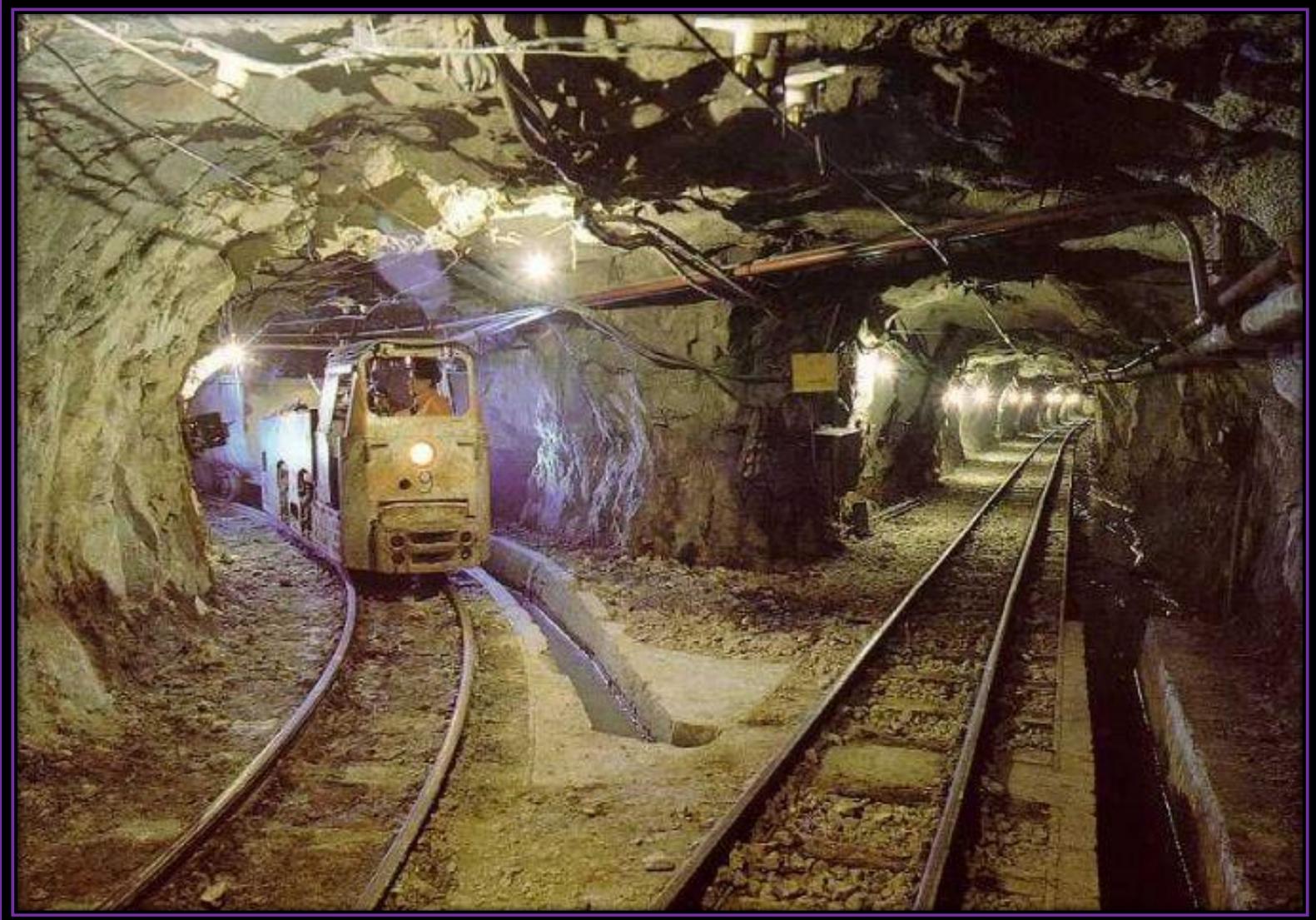
Gold Mines (1)



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Gold Mines (4)



Gold Mines (5)



Gold Refinery (1)



Gold Refinery (2)



A Few Mining Facts

- The deepest are in S.A. at 2.4 and 2.5 miles deep.
- One has 236 miles of tunnels underground.
- The gold vein or seam is only 30 inches wide.
- Ice is pumped down to cool the 140 degree rock.
- The largest Grasberg (Indonesia) has 20k workers.

“Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone.”

- **By great labor and refining men extract iron.**
- **Where would we be without iron? It came early.**
- **English “brass” has been used for alloys of copper.**
- **But what good are iron or brass for life’s needs?**

“He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.”

- **Men use artificial light to go deep underground.**
- **They seek perfect gemstones or the mother lode.**
- **The diamonds on ladies’ hands were in the dark.**
- **Precious metals come from the place for burial.**

**“The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant;
even the waters forgotten of the foot: they
are dried up, they are gone away from men.”**

- **Digging underground finds subterranean water.**
- **These waters no feet had ever tread before.**
- **But men divert them away to keep on digging.**
- **Think pumps, pipes, canals, tunnels, and so forth.**

“As for the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.”

- **Farming brings forth bread from surface ground.**
- **The temperature underground is surprisingly hot.**
- **Underneath comes coal, brimstone, shiny stones.**
- **But yet man needs something more than these.**

“The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold.”

- **Men have discovered the source of gemstones.**
- **They find sapphires and gold dust down there.**
- **Though they find such things, men need more.**
- **Where is the real good or value for man found?**

**“There is a path which no fowl knoweth,
and which the vulture’s eye hath not seen:”**

- **Birds with great eyesight cannot see underground.**
- **They cannot see the veins running through rocks.**
- **Men engineer paths and tunnels out of their view.**
- **Man has gone far past their vision to find riches.**

“The lion’s whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.”

- **Lions have strength, not sight, but they know not.**
- **No matter how fierce, mining is beyond lions.**
- **Man shows his ability above beasts of the field.**
- **Man has explored regions beyond roaming lions.**

“He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.”

- **Man goes at rock formations and through them.**
- **Hammers and other devices shatter or move it.**
- **Men go under mountains where the roots are.**
- **They undermine hills and mountains with shafts.**

“He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.”

- **Engineers cut shafts and tunnels through the rock.**
- **They divert water with shafts or tunnels for it.**
- **The precious things hid below he brings to light.**
- **He finds precious things, but man needs more.**

“He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.”

- **They ingeniously hold back underground water.**
- **Things once hidden and unknown he discovers.**
- **Precious things need light, so they bring them up.**
- **Man does anything it takes to get precious stones.**

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

- **Finally! ... the Holy Spirit by Job gives us a hint!**
- **Where are wisdom and understanding found?**
- **Wisdom is far more valuable than gemstones.**
- **Wisdom is far more valuable than gold and silver.**
- **Mining treasures is great ... but where is wisdom?**

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

- **Finding gold is good ... but where is understanding?**
- **Man’s efforts and genius have not found wisdom.**
- **Men discover and refine gold with great effort.**
- **Their mining efforts are great to extract stones.**
- **But they cannot find nor do they seek wisdom.**

Job's Parable of Wisdom

- A treasure is found in Job 28, all 28 of its verses.
- This chapter entices the reader to its conclusion.
- It begins very obscure and is a puzzling chapter.
- But its conclusion is well worth the exploration.
- Job's 3 friends did not have wisdom to help him.

What Is the Value of Wisdom?

- **Wisdom is ability to judge right – to know what to do in any situation to please God and man.**
- **Wisdom solves problems of all kinds – financial, relational, professional, marital, political, sexual, familial, emotional, etc.**
- **Pain, problems, sorrow, or trouble can be traced back to a lack of wisdom in one or more choices.**

What Is the Value of Wisdom?

- Job's three friends did not have wisdom to help.
- Man was given natural wisdom (Isaiah 28:23-29).
- Man learned about the earth, but not wisdom.
- He is always learning, but always missing truth.
- Miners will do anything for a perishable thing.

What Is the Value of Wisdom?

- But they should do more for the principal thing.
- Wisdom is better than gold or silver (Pr 16:16).
- Men work hard, but they need wisdom (Pr 4:7).
- Noble men pursue wisdom with all their might.
- How important is wisdom to you? Show it!

“Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.”

- **Money can buy things on earth, but not wisdom.**
- **Paying extraction costs plus profit will get precious metals from under the ground.**
- **Men, no matter how smart, cannot find wisdom.**
- **Men, no matter how diligent, cannot get wisdom.**

“The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.”

- **It is not underground where miners search.**
- **No matter what they find, wisdom is not there.**
- **Neither can mariners find it in the earth's seas.**
- **Wisdom is somewhere else than they search.**

“It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.”

- **You cannot buy wisdom. It is far beyond price.**
- **There are no precious metals to be paid for it.**
- **David knew it above much fine gold (Ps 19:10).**
- **Lady Wisdom put it high (Prov 3:14; 8:10,19; 16:16).**

**“It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir,
with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.”**

- **Gold of Ophir was precious, but below wisdom.**
- **Perfect onyx is also precious, but below wisdom.**
- **Or the very best sapphires cannot compare to it.**
- **Wisdom is in a class by itself far above all these.**

**“The gold and the crystal cannot equal it:
and the exchange of it shall not be for
jewels of fine gold.”**

- **No gold can equal the value of wisdom.**
- **No crystal can equal the value of wisdom.**
- **No finely crafted gold jewelry can buy wisdom.**
- **Do your priorities reflect wisdom’s obvious value?**

“No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.”

- **Go to the sea to get coral ... wisdom is better.**
- **Go to the sea to get pearls ... wisdom is better.**
- **Rubies are above those two, but wisdom over it.**
- **Do you get the message about wisdom's value?**

“The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.”

- **Wisdom is more valuable than a precious topaz.**
- **Even the precious topaz of Ethiopia is below it.**
- **Pure gold, 24k or 99.99% pure, is below wisdom.**
- **What else must God say to get your attention?**

“Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?”

- **If not on earth or among men, where is it found?**
- **It is not in deep mines, the sea, Ophir, or Ethiopia!**
- **It cannot be bought with any amount of fine gold!**
- **Men can find all precious things, but not wisdom!**
- **Where then is wisdom and understanding found?**

Where Will Man Find Wisdom?

- Job's parable continues to entice and lead us on.
- Men have found all other things of great value.
- Men have discovered them and brought them up.
- But where is wisdom? What is required to get it?
- If you have any sense, this is a crucial question.

“Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.”

- **Man cannot find it, though skillful at discovery.**
- **Man cannot see it, for his eyes are less than birds.**
- **Birds cannot see it ... it is out of sight and range.**
- **No vision of birds or ingenuity of man can find it.**

“Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.”

- **In contrast to “all living” last, what of the dead?**
- **They had not seen it ... but they had heard of it.**
- **Great men before Job of 900 yrs had heard of it.**
- **In the place of the dead, it was not even there.**
- **The spirits of men after death did not have it.**

“God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.”

- **Finally, someone knows where wisdom is found!**
- **What man cannot do ... God is easily able to do.**
- **God knows where it is located and how to get it.**
- **The Christian God, our God, is the only wise God.**
- **Job and Solomon both told about God’s wisdom.**

“For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven;”

- **Reject bird eyesight or range – God sees all things.**
- **Not only does He see it all, He understands it all.**
- **Compare the very limited sight of birds and men.**
- **God’s view even sees through time dimensions.**
- **His sight has perfect omniscience of all things.**

“To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.”

- **He measures out and weighs wind and water.**
- **God has both designed and assigned the winds.**
- **God has both designed and assigned the waters.**
- **See His wisdom to do great things as He pleases.**
- **Tornados, tides, tsunamis, etc. are far beyond us.**

“When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:”

- **How much wisdom does it take to decree rain!**
- **God sends rain for various reasons (Job 37:11-13).**
- **Lightning and thunder are under His direction.**
- **He designed and assigns rain, lightning, thunder.**
- **His wisdom is great in creation and providence.**

“Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.”

- **God saw wisdom perfectly when He created.**
- **Solomon declared this also (Pr 3:19-20; 8:22-31).**
- **God used wisdom to create and rule creation.**
- **His wisdom is clearly declared by the heavens!**
- **He worked in wisdom and knows it perfectly!**

“And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.”

- **Jehovah, the Almighty God, discloses the secret!**
- **Miners, philosophers, and all others missed it!**
- **It cannot be bought or valued by things on earth!**
- **Men do anything for gold ... but wisdom is free!**

“And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.”

- **Only God knows His own secret things (De 29:29).**
- **But He revealed all the things you need to know.**
- **Lady Wisdom offers it (Pr 1:20-33; 8:1-11,32-36; 9:1-5).**
- **The universe’s most precious thing is before you.**

Wisdom ... is the fear of the Lord

- It is that simple ... simply fear God for wisdom.
- Fearing God is the beginning/foundation of it.
- It is a reverent desire to please God in all things.
- It is ruling your life according to His will/word.
- The fear of the Lord is clearly taught in the Bible.

Wisdom ... is the fear of the Lord

- The fear of the Lord is the only perfect worldview.
- It is the religion of Jehovah – obeying only Him.
- Opinions of men are nonsense in comparison.
- Elihu easily grasped Job's present circumstances.
- Sell out to love and please this God with your life.

Understanding ... is departing from evil

- God tells you what to avoid in life for success!
- You avoid consequences of errors now and later.
- Job eschewed evil ... he had true understanding.
- Folly = sin ... so rejecting sin rids your life of folly.
- The negative side of loving God is hating sin.

Understanding ... is departing from evil

- Learn the Bible to know what to reject in life.
- His commands give understanding for prosperity.
- Pain, sorrow, and trouble are all caused by sin!
- By rejecting sin you avoid painful things of life.
- Sell out to hate sin and rip it all out of your life.

Wisdom and Understanding

- God led us by Job to these two great treasures.
- **Fear of God ...** <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/god/fear-of-the-lord/sermon.php>
- **Proverbs 9:10 ...** http://www.letgodbetruer.com/proverbs/commentaries/09_10.php
- **Proverbs 8:13 ...** <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/god/fear-of-the-lord/sermon.php>
- **Proverb Commentaries ...** <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/proverbs/proverbs-intro.php>.

Spiritual Wisdom & Understanding

- **The fabulous things of Jesus Christ are wisdom!**
- **The origin, fall, salvation, and future of man!**
- **The second Adam to replace the first Adam!**
- **Walking with God and bearing spiritual fruit!**
- **Joy, peace, and hope unlimited for the taking!**

What Will You Do?

- **Wisdom is like hunting treasure (Pr 2:4; Mat 13:44).**
- **Solomon concluded his work alike (Ecc 12:13-14).**
- **David listed God's word for wisdom (Ps 19:7-11).**
- **Obeying the Bible is wisdom (De 4:5-6; Jas 1:21-25).**
- **How much effort do you put in this search daily?**

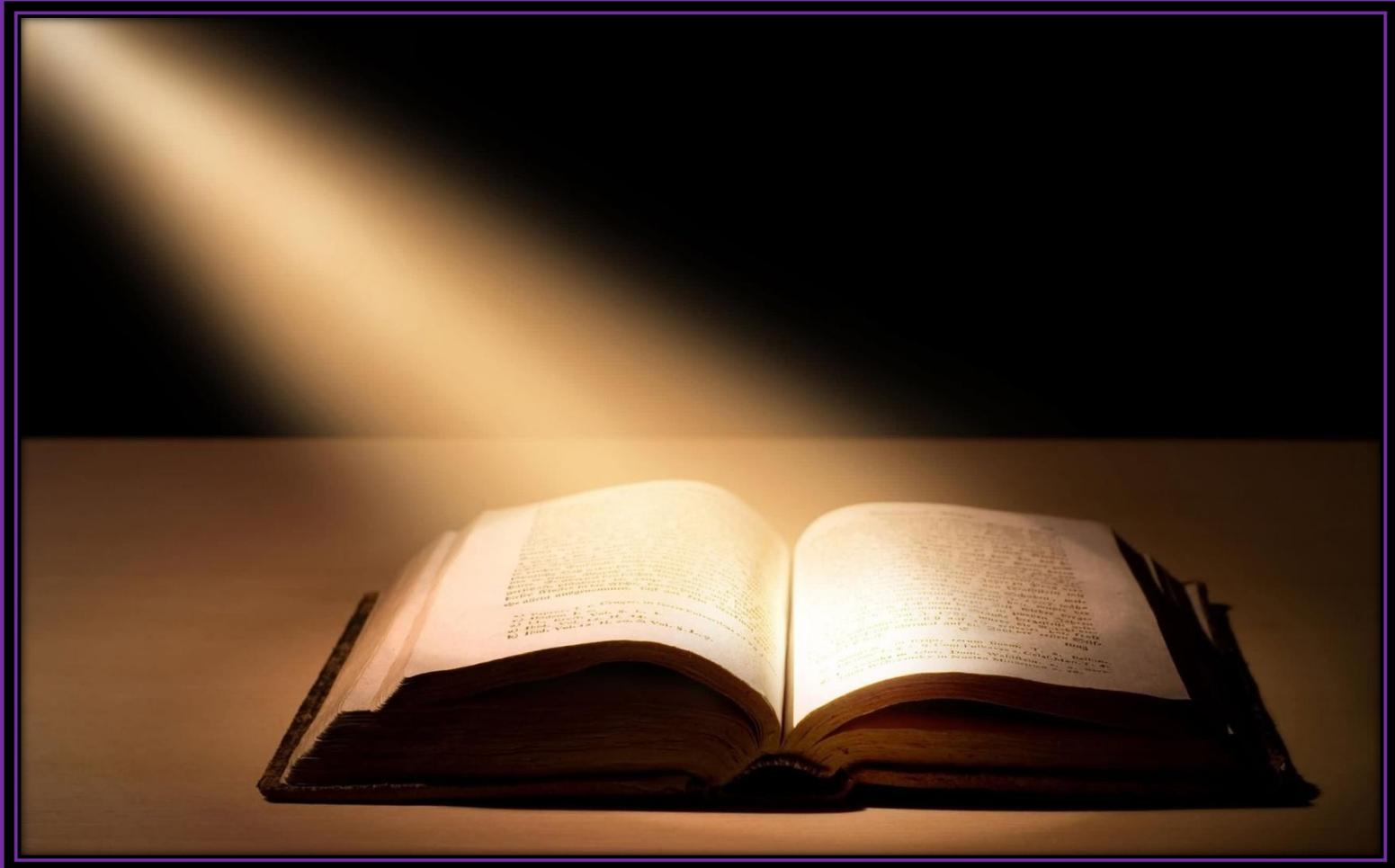
What Will You Do?

- **Do you apply everything you learn to your life?**
- **Choose only wise friends (Pr 9:6; 13:20; I Cor 15:33).**
- **Your compromise will bring death (Prov 8:36).**
- **Are you still discovering yourself (Pr 17:16; 18:2)?**
- **Miners labor for junk ... but you can have riches!**

Mining for Junk



Mining for Riches



For Further Study

Search for Wisdom (in Word format) ... www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/search-for-wisdom.pdf.

The Fear of the Lord ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/sermons/god/fear-of-the-lord/sermon.php>

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