

Scriptures That Speak of Sin, Foolishness, Knowledge, and Understanding

Brad Green

<i>Scripture Reference</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>
Neh. 10:28	²⁸ The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding,
Job 21:14	¹⁴ They say to God, "Depart from us! We do not desire the knowledge of your ways.
Ps. 92:6-7	⁶ The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this: ⁷ that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever; ⁸ but you, O LORD, are on high forever.
Ps. 119:66	⁶⁶ Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.
Prov. 1:7	⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.
Prov. 1:22	²² "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?"
Prov. 1:29	²⁹ Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, ³⁰ would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, ³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices.
Prov. 2:5	⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.
Prov. 8:9	¹² "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion.
Prov. 9:10	¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.
Prov. 8:35-36	³⁵ For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the LORD, ³⁶ but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death."
Prov. 10:14	¹⁴ The wise lay up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool brings ruin near.
Prov. 11:9	⁹ With his mouth the godless man would destroy his neighbor, but by knowledge the righteous are delivered.
Prov. 12:1	¹ Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.
Prov. 12:23	²³ A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims folly.
Prov. 13:16	¹⁶ In everything the prudent acts with knowledge, but a fool flaunts his folly.
Prov. 14:6-7	⁶ A scoffer seeks wisdom in vain, but knowledge is easy for a man of understanding. ⁷ Leave the presence of a fool, for there you do not meet words of knowledge.
Prov. 14:18	¹⁸ The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
Prov. 15:2	² The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly.
Prov. 15:7	⁷ The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.
Prov. 15:14	¹⁴ The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly.
Prov. 15:21	²¹ Folly is a joy to him who lacks sense, but a man of understanding walks straight ahead.
Prov. 17:10	¹⁰ A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool.
Prov. 17:27	²⁷ Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.
Prov. 18:2	² A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.
Prov. 19:2	² Desire without knowledge is not good, and whoever makes haste with his feet misses his way.
Prov. 18:15	¹⁵ An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
Prov. 19:25	²⁵ Strike a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence; reprove a man of understanding, and he will gain knowledge.
Prov. 19:27	²⁷ Cease to hear instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.
Prov. 21:11	¹¹ When a scoffer is punished, the simple becomes wise; when a wise man is instructed, he gains knowledge.
Prov. 22:12	¹² The eyes of the LORD keep watch over knowledge, but he overthrows the words of the traitor.
Prov. 28:5	⁵ Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the LORD understand it completely.

Prov. 30:3	³ I have not learned wisdom, nor have I knowledge of the Holy One.
Eccl. 2:26	²⁶ For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.
Eccl. 9:10	¹⁰ Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for <i>there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol</i> , to which you are going.
Is. 5:13	¹³ Therefore my people go into exile for lack of knowledge; their honored men go hungry, and their multitude is parched with thirst.
Is. 11:9	⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
Is. 28:9-12	(foreseeing coming judgment it is asked . . .) ⁹ "To whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, those taken from the breast? ¹⁰ For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little." ¹¹ For by people of strange lips and with a foreign tongue the LORD will speak to this people, ¹² to whom he has said, "This is rest; give rest to the weary; and this is repose"; yet they would not hear.
Is. 29:25	²⁴ And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction."
Is. 44:24-25	²⁴ Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, ²⁵ who frustrates the signs of liars and makes fools of diviners, who turns wise men back and makes their knowledge foolish,
Is 47:10-11	^{I10} You felt secure in your wickedness, you said, "No one sees me"; your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray, and you said in your heart, "I am, and there is no one besides me." ¹¹ But evil shall come upon you, which you will not know how to charm away; disaster shall fall upon you, for which you will not be able to atone; and ruin shall come upon you suddenly, of which you know nothing.
Is 53:11	¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
Is. 56:10-12	¹⁰ His watchmen are blind; they are all without knowledge; they are all silent dogs; they cannot bark, dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber. ¹¹ The dogs have a mighty appetite; they never have enough. But they are shepherds who have no understanding; they have all turned to their own way, each to his own gain, one and all. ¹² "Come," they say, "let me get wine; let us fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow will be like this day, great beyond measure."
Jer 3:15	¹⁵ "And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.
Jer. 4:22	²² "For my people are foolish; they know me not; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are 'wise'- in doing evil! But how to do good they know not."
Jer 10:14 (cf. 51:17)	¹⁴ Every man is stupid and without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his idols, for his images are false, and there is no breath in them.
Dan 2:21-22	²¹ He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; ²² he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.
Dan. 5:11-12	¹¹ There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father- your father the king- made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers, ¹² because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation."
Dan 12:4	⁴ But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."
Hos 4:1-2	Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel, for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; ² there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.

