

**WATCHMAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT**  
**2024 FIRST FRUIT FASTING EXERCISE Jan.22 – Feb 11. 2024**  
(Day 4)

**Theme: JUMPING IN THE JOY OF JUBILEE**  
**Texts: Ps.4:3-8; 32:11; 126:1-6**  
**Topic: UNIQUENESS OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Sub-Texts: 1Chro.22:11-12; Pro.3:19; 24:3**

Contemporary English defines **Understanding** as the *ability to perceive the intended meaning of* (words, a language or a speaker), comprehension, *interpret or view something in a particular way*, sympathetic awareness or tolerance (pity, sympathy, compassion).

But in the Hebrew language from where our subtexts were taken, the word translated understanding is **tâbûwn** (*pronounced tau-boon*) which means '**intelligence**', by implication '**an argument**'; by extension '**discretion**' (*the quality of behaving or speaking in such a way as to avoid causing offence or revealing confidential information*).

Tâbûwn is a wisdom term that represents the act of wisdom (Job 26:11); the faculty of wisdom (Exo.31:3); the object of wisdom (Pro.2:3) and personification of wisdom (Pro.8:1). *It can be seen as perceptive insight with the ability to rightly assess*. It is a kind of deep distinct knowledge.

It carries the **ability to see light in God's light** (Ps.36:9), perceive intended meaning of scriptures (Ps.119:125), discern times. (Dan.12:10 1Chro.12:32)

Understanding is affected by the attitudes of men (Matt.13:14-15). The Lord Jesus was endowed with the Spirit of understanding so He was able to accommodate His carnal disciples, tolerate the offences of the religious Jews (Isa.11:1-2; Mk.9:33-37; 10:35-45; 12:13-27). Lack of understanding is the bane of many broken homes, sour relationships, disintegrated business settings, destabilized assemblies.

**Apostle Paul** prayed that the Lord would grant understanding to his flock. (Eph.3:16-18; 1:17-18; Col.1:9-12)

Understanding **is never solitary** but always tangoes with wisdom and so births the dividends of wisdom (Job 28:22; Pro.8:18,21,35). Understanding is acquired through **obedience to God's word** (Ps.111:10) and **prayers**. (1Chro.22:11-12; 1Kgs3:7-12)

Understanding will enable one to make successful arguments with God as did Moses and the Syrophenician woman respectively. (Exo. 32:9-14; Mk.7:24-30; Isa.41:21)

Understanding of the truth that we are **joint heirs** with Christ will make a believer bold to claim his inheritance, and to resist the devil (Gal.3:29; Rom.8:17; 1Pet.5:8,9).

**Understanding the fact that God gave us the ministry**, will make us appreciate that He is under obligation to give us an enabling environment, enabling resources and enabling status. (1Cor.9:7)

The God of justice will always stand for justice as He that sends on an errand must facilitate the work. (Jer.9:23,24; Ps.9:20; Exo.15:16)

**To optimally enjoy the joy of jubilation**, we must put on understanding by carrying the right attitude to the word of God, obeying the scriptures and praying for divine bestowal of the spirit of understanding. (Isa.11:2)

It must always be borne in mind that **understanding is the catalyst for establishment**. (Pro.24:3)