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And the Child Grew and Became Strong, He was Filled with Wisdom and the Grace of God was Upon Him Luke 2: 40

And the child grew and became strong, He was filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him DIG: How was Yeshua filled with wisdom? Where did it come from? What and when was the evidence of that instruction in wisdom?

REFLECT: How can you emulate Jesus' being filled with wisdom? Who do you need to spend time with every morning? Is there another time of day that is better for you? When is it? Besides wisdom, what else can you gain from such a quiet time?

Since **Luke** focuses on the humanity of **Christ**, he is the only one to record this. Mary probably told it to **Luke** later on in **her** life. Of the many years spent in Nazareth, **Jesus** passed from childhood to youth, from youth to adolescence, and from adolescence to manhood. This section reflects **His** Jewish upbringing by parents who were part of the Jewish believing remnant of that day. **Yeshua** was raised in a spiritual home where both Joseph and Mary were committed to **ADONAI**.



The third gospel alone notes: **And the child grew and became strong; He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on Him (Luke 2:40).** Between the ages of about two and twelve, we know nothing of **Jesus'** life. This one statement, however, summarizes **Messiah's** development during that time period. **Luke** tells us more in one sentence than all the apocryphal books with their silly legends about the miraculous powers of the child **Jesus**.

As **a child**, **the Lord** was still human and needed to be taught. Certainly it was not possible to learn what **He** learned from **His** schooling in Nazareth. To some degree we can deduct from what we know from the New Covenant. We know that **Jesus** was brought up in a very spiritual Jewish home for both Yosef and Miryam were part of the believing remnant of that day. So much of what **Yeshua** knew about **His** Jewishness, the Jewish world, and the Scriptures could have easily come from **His** stepfather and mother. But that would not explain the uniqueness of **His** knowledge by the age of twelve **(Luke 2:41-50)**.

We cannot assume **His** knowledge was there because of **His** deity, for while it is true that **He** was still **God** in **His** childhood, in **His** humanity, **He** had to undergo the same learning experience all humans have to go through. **He** had to learn by study and being **taught**. When **He** took on humanity, **He** set aside certain things. Part of which seemed to be **His** omniscience, or infinite knowledge, at least for a while. Scripture teaches that **His Father taught Him**.

ADONAI Elohim has given Me the ability to speak as a man well taught, so that I, with My words, know how to sustain the weary. Each morning He

awakens My ear to hear like those who are taught (Isaiah 50:4 CJB). As the boy **Jesus** was growing up, **each** and every **morning**, **ADONAI, God the Father**, would awaken **God the Son**, take **Him** aside and begin to teach and train **Him** in the word of **God**. **Yeshua** was being discipled for **His** purpose in this life. That was how **He** was **filled with wisdom**, and gained knowledge that could only come from **God**. **ADONAI Elohim has opened My ear and I neither rebelled nor turned away (Isaiah 50:5 CJB).**

As **He** began to realize in **His** humanity that **His** purpose was to come to the earth to die a substitutionary death on the cross, **He** was **not** rebellious, but rather kept an open **ear** and **did not** turn **away from His** calling. When it came time for **Him** to fulfill **His** mission **He did not** waver, but **set His face like a flint** to complete it. **I offered My back to those who struck Me, My cheeks to those who plucked out My beard; I did not hide My face from insult and spitting. For ADONAI Elohim will help. This is why no insult can wound Me. This is why I have set My face like flint, knowing I will not be put to shame (Isaiah 50:6-7 CJB). He offered His back** to **those who struck**, scourged and whipped **Him**. **He did not** try to turn **His cheeks** away **from those who** wanted **to** pluck **out His beard**. **He did not** try to **hide His face from the spitting and** shame that came with it. **My vindicator is close by; let whoever dares to accuse Me appear with Me in court! Let whoever has a case against Me step forward! Look, ADONAI Elohim helps Me, who will dare condemn Me? Here, they are falling apart like old, moth-eaten clothes (Isaiah 50:8-9 CJB).**

What was merely summarized in Luke 2:40 is given in some detail in Isaiah 50:4-9. The Son of God, in **His** humanity, was specifically **taught** and discipled by **God the Father each morning.** As a result, by the age of twelve **He** clearly understood **His** mission and **His** relationship with **ADONAI**. We see the evidence of this instruction next when **Jesus** confounds the rabbis in the Temple a year before **His** bar mitzvah.