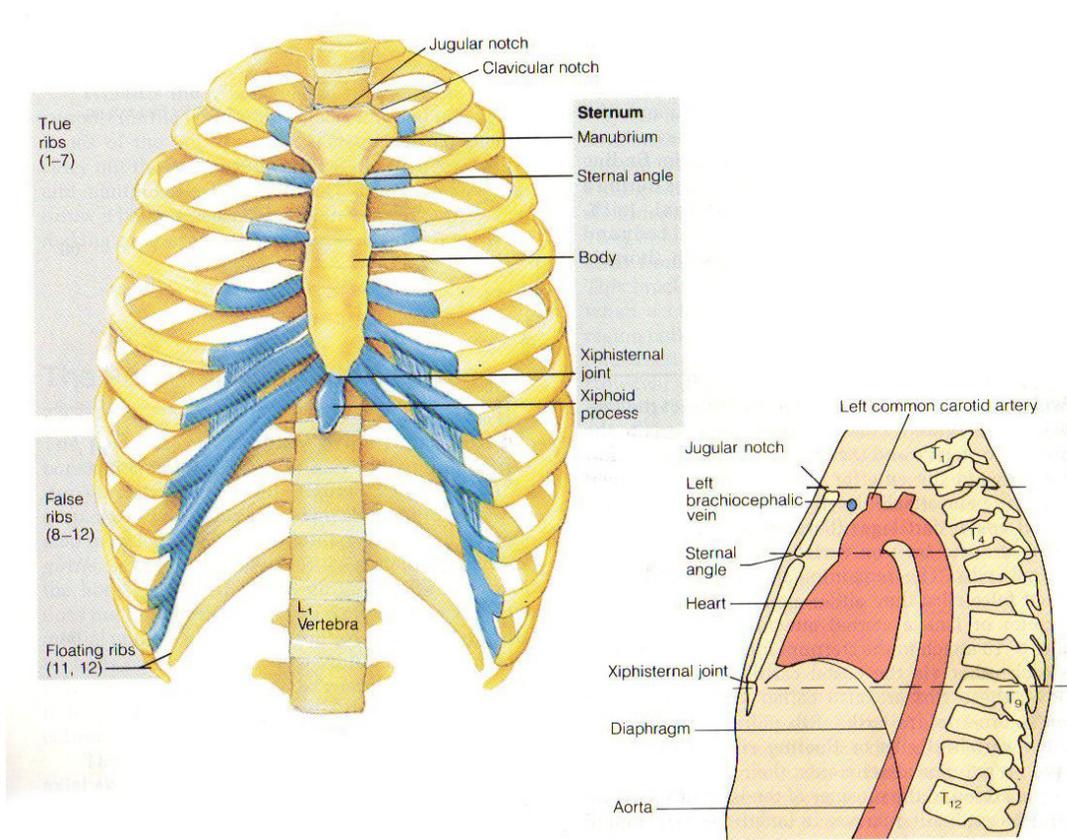


# The Ribs

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The ribs are elastic arches of bone which form the chief part of the thoracic walls. There are in total 12 pairs of ribs and these are divided into two groups;

- True Ribs - the first 7 pairs of ribs are called true ribs because they are attached directly to the sternum by individual costal cartilages.
- False Ribs - The last 5 pairs of ribs are called false ribs because they either attach indirectly to the sternum or lack a sternal attachment entirely. Rib pairs 8-10 attach to the sternum indirectly by joining to each other via the costal cartilages immediately above whilst pairs 11 and 12 have no attachment to the sternum at all and therefore are also known as 'floating ribs'.



In this study we will learn that the ribs represent the Laws of YaHWaH. As you look at the diagram above (taken from Elaine N. Marieb's Human Anatomy and Physiology, Second Edition, page 201) you see that there are seven places where the ribs attach to the Sternum (righteousness). The number seven represents 'spiritual perfection'. We will come to see in this study how we will be led into the 'life' of Spiritual perfection through

the righteousness of the Law.

Romans 8:4; *'That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.'*

The ribs provide a cage which protects the vital internal organs which lay underneath them. Thus the ribs are a protector of 'life'. The first 10 rib pairs represent the ten commandments, the law given to Israel in order to preserve 'life' in observance of them.

Proverbs 6:23; *'For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.'*

Proverbs 13:14; *'The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.'*

The 10 commandments were given to Israel at Mount Sinai and are listed in Exodus 20.

The last two pairs of ribs represent Wisdom and the Spirit. We will discuss these last two rib pairs in more detail later in this study.

## **The Law and Life**

In the study on the Sternum we saw how the Sternum represented the 'sword' of the cherub protecting the 'tree of life', the righteousness of our Heavenly Father, in the garden of Eden. The flaming sword, the fiery Law, of the cherub turned every way forming a protective wall around the tree of life, just as the rib cage, representing the Laws of YaHWaH, forms a protective wall around the very organs that preserve our life.

Thus 'life' and the 'law' are intimately connected. It is through the law that our carnal flesh is put to death... it is by going through the fiery sword that we are refined, all the dross/carnal flesh eliminated so that we may shine forth the brilliance of the divine life within us. Thus the law leads us through death into 'life'.

Spiritually we must also travel through that protective fiery wall of the Law/His divine character so that we may dis-cover our real self, the 'life' within us, that inner man which can not be seen or understood by the flesh. The fiery wall will dissolve our flesh illusion of who we are and reveal our origin in our Heavenly Father, our true identity.

1 John 3:24; *'And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.'*

## **The Law and the Thorn**

The purpose of the law is not to make the carnal flesh nature comfortable. If we understand that the Law is in essence the description of the character of YaHWaH we

may say that by accepting the Law we see our own shortcomings as we compare our flesh nature with that of the divine nature within us. In accepting the Divine law at Mount Sinai, the whole nation of Israel throughout the ages entered upon a battle between the law of the flesh nature and that of the divine. This is the very battle Paul had when he walked on this earth;

*Romans 7:19-25; 'For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of Elohim after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank Elohim through Yahshua Messiah our Master. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of Elohim; but with the flesh the law of sin.'*

It is interesting to note that the Israelites received the Law at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:1). Sinai is the Hebrew word Ciyнай and means 'thorny' (Strong's 5514). How can the Law be thorny? Well, like a thorn, the Divine Law hooks into our carnal flesh and serves as a reminder to us of the Divine nature of YaHWaH and how it is opposed to our flesh ways. At Mount Sinai, Israel as a nation vowed to YaHWaH that all He said they would do and the Law is a reminder to us of that vow.

When the Law has been fulfilled within us, namely, when our carnal flesh has died through the working of the Law and we display the true character of YaHWaH as illustrated in His Laws, the law becomes of no effect as we have 'become' the Law. There is no more opposition, the carnal flesh nature is removed and thus the thorn has become obsolete as it has no more place to catch hold of us. This is what the fulfilment of the law means.

*Romans 8:4; 'That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.'*

The result of the Law is the righteousness of YaHWaH. As our carnal flesh dies through the working of the law and its judgements, He is re-vealed within us and we can display forth His righteousness, His character... we have become the law.

*2 Corinthians 4:11; 'For we which live are always delivered unto death for Yahshua's sake, that the life also of Yahshua might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.'*

When we look at the Hebrew letters in the word Ciyнай (Sinai) we see the same picture unfolding. The word is made up of the following four letters;

- Samech - literal meaning - prop. Symbolic meaning - support, twist slowly, turn
- Yood - literal meaning - hand. Symbolic meaning - work, a deed, to make
- Noon - literal meaning - fish. Symbolic meaning - activity, life

- Yood - literal meaning - hand. Symbolic meaning - work, a deed, to make

When we look at these letters we can form a word picture of what Sinai really means. Firstly we see that the activity/life is encased on both sides by the hand, the hand of Father. Thus 'life' is hidden and it is only in Elohim that we find the hidden life.

Colossians 3:3; *'For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Messiah in Elohim.'*

Our journey to that life involves the Law which was given to us as a nation at Mount Sinai.

Deuteronomy 30:20; *'That thou mayest love YaHWaH thy Elohim, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which YaHWaH sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.'*

Indeed we can see that perfect life does not need a prop or support as it is of itself complete. Thus the Law is given to us as a support in our life, it is there to hold us up. The law continually prods us and props us up, reminding us of His way and our destiny. This prodding and propping is in essence the 'thorn' leading us back to life in Him

The numeric value of each of the letters is also interesting to note.

- Samech has the numeric value of 60 which is the product of 6x10, six being the number of 'man' and 10 the number of 'Divine perfection'. The Law is given to man as a support/prop to lead him on the path to Divine perfection.
- The Yood has a numeric value of 10 which represents 'Divine perfection'. Thus the 'life' is encompassed by His Divine perfection.
- Noon has a numeric value of 50 and is the number of 'jubilee or deliverance and rest following on as the result of the perfect consummation of time'. This is the centre, the hidden life, that to which we are destined (Matt 11:28).

Thus in essence the Divine Law has a dual purpose in our lives firstly, to protect the 'life' within us and secondly, to provide a thorn in our flesh to remind us of our origins in Him so that when the law has run it's full course resulting in our flesh nature being destroyed His presence within us may be revealed and we may manifest forth His glory.

## **The Law and the Calling of the Heart**

Many people go through their daily life like a robot, just doing the jobs they have to do without feeling or enjoyment. Due to the increased pressures placed on people in today's fast paced society, not only in business but also in relationships and every other aspect of day to day life, peoples hearts become closed off in order to just 'survive'. Many peoples hearts have been broken or hurt by life's experiences and as a self preservation mechanism they close themselves off from those around them. Does this sound familiar? I think we all feel, or have felt, these things in some degree or another during our own sojourn. This phenomena is spoken of in the Scriptures and it is directly related to

lawlessness;

Matthew 24:12; *'And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.'*

The result of this departure of the law is that people become past feeling, giving themselves over to all forms of evil resulting finally in death. It is common knowledge that the so-called 'freedoms' we have today are leading to sky-rocketing cases of depressions and suicides amongst both young and old alike.

Ephesians 4:18-19; *'Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of Elohim through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.'*

Proverbs 16:25; *'There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.'*

So is there a way out of this vacuum of death, as truly we are all part of it? Well, it is because of the Law that we become conscious of our sin and as our sins become more numerous we realise that we are really not as good as we thought we were, our idea of 'self' or 'ego', decreases and we are humbled before our Creator. As He humbles us He can heal our broken hearts resulting in His glory shining through and not our own.

Psalms 147:3; *'He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.'*

In essence our hearts are only broken because of our pride. If there was no selfish pride our hearts would not be broken and thus this pride in self needs to be eliminated before we can shine forth His glory. We must fall before we are risen up.

Proverbs 16:18; *'Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.'*

It is as Father leads us to realise the working of the Law within our lives and thus causing us to return to our origins, breaking through the barrier of importance of self, that our hearts may be re-vealed not only to ourselves but also to others.

It is then that we can 'put all our heart in our work', and be a blessing and encouragement to others. We are no longer working for the benefit of 'self' but rather for the glory of Elohim and the edifying of our brethren.

Ephesians 4:29; *'Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.'*

There will come a time when we will all be fully healed of our broken hearts and that His glory can flow forth without any carnal restraint so that, like Yahshua, His virtue may flow from us for the benefit of others.

Luke 6:19; *'And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue'*

*out of him, and healed them all.'*

Some time ago someone sent us a wonderful story illustrating what happens when Father heals broken hearts so that others may be led into life. This is a true story and shows how warmth and life replaces coldness and death when hearts are healed and the character of YaHWaH is shown forth.

## **Who I Am Makes A Difference**

A teacher in New York decided to honour each of her Seniors in high school by telling them the difference they each made. She called each student to the front of the class, one at a time. First, she told each of them how they had made a difference in her class. Then she presented each of them with a blue ribbon imprinted with gold letters, which read, "Who I Am Makes A Difference." Afterwards the teacher decided to do a class project to see what kind of an impact recognition would have on a community.

She gave each of the students three more ribbons and instructed them to go out and spread this acknowledgement ceremony. Then they were to follow up on the results, see who honoured whom and report back to the class in about a week.

One of the boys in the class went to a junior executive in a nearby company and honoured him for helping him with his career planning. He gave him a blue ribbon and put it on his shirt. Then he gave him two extra ribbons, and said, "We're doing a class project on recognition, and we'd like you to go out, find somebody to honour, give them a blue ribbon, then give them the extra blue ribbon so they can acknowledge a third person to keep this acknowledgment ceremony going and then please report back to me and tell me what happened."

Later that day the junior executive went in to see his boss, who had been noted, by the way, as being kind of a grouchy fellow. He sat his boss down and told him that he deeply admired him for being a creative genius. The junior executive asked him if he would accept the gift of the blue ribbon and would give him permission to put it on him. His surprised boss said, "Well sure." The boss seemed very surprised. The junior executive took the blue ribbon and placed it right on his boss's jacket above his heart. As he gave him the last ribbon, he said, "would you do me a favour? Would you take this extra one and pass it on by honouring someone else? The young boy who first gave me the ribbons is doing a project in school and we want to keep this recognition ceremony going and find out how it affects people."

That night the boss came home to his 14 year old son and sat him down. He said, "The most incredible thing happened to me today. I was in my office and one of the junior executives came in and told me he admired me and gave me a blue ribbon for being a creative genius. Imagine, he thinks I'm a creative genius. Then he put this blue ribbon

that says, "Who I Am Makes A Difference" on my jacket above my heart. He gave me an extra ribbon and asked me to find someone else to honour. As I was driving home tonight, I started thinking about whom I would honour with this ribbon and thought about you. I want to honour you. My days are really hectic and when I come home I don't pay much attention to you. Sometimes I scream at you for not getting good enough grades in school and for your bedroom being a mess, but somehow tonight, I just wanted to sit here and well, let you know, that you do make a difference to me. Besides your mother, you are the most important person in my life. You're a great kid and I love you!"

The startled boy started to sob and sob, and he wouldn't stop crying. His whole body shook. He looked up at his father and sad through tears, "Dad, earlier tonight I sat in my room and wrote a letter to you and Mom explaining why I had killed myself and asking you to forgive me. I was going to commit suicide tonight after you were asleep. I just didn't think you cared at all. The letter is upstairs. I don't think I need it after all."

His father walked upstairs and found a heartfelt letter full of anguish and pain. The envelope was addressed, "Mom and Dad". The boss went back to work a changed man. He was no longer a grouch but made sure all his employees know that they make a difference. The junior executive helped several other young people with career planning and never forgot to let them know that they made a difference in his life... one being the boss's son.

And the young boy and his classmates learned a valuable lesson.

My prayer is that Father may lead us all on the pathway of unveiling our hearts. It may be painful at times... but the results are glorious.

## **Rib in Hebrew**

In studying the word rib in Hebrew we can more fully come to an understanding of it's purpose in our life.

The Hebrew word for rib is tsela (Strong's 6763) and is made up of three letters;

- Tsadik - literal meaning - fishhook. Symbolic meaning - catch, desire, need
- Lamed - literal meaning - cattle goad. Symbolic meaning - control, authority, the tongue
- Ayin - literal meaning - eye. Symbolic meaning - to see, know, experience

Thus we see pictured here the word rib as the 'hook of authority seen'. This picture also witnesses of Israel's vow to YaHWaH at Mount Sinai. The hook/thorn of authority/law of YaHWaH was seen and they accepted His proposal.

As descendants and part of this nation of Israel, we come under the same vow and also

feel the thorn of the law in our carnal flesh.

It is interesting to note that in the Scriptures it states that the thorn will be replaced with the fir tree.

*Isaiah 55:13; 'Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to YaHWaH for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.'*

So, in the place of the thorn will come the fir tree. As we have seen, the thorn of the law is removed as our carnal flesh dies. But as the thorn is eliminated, the fir comes in its place. What is the significance of the fir tree? The fir tree is a noble tree which loves to have its roots in water. Water in the Scriptures represents the Spirit, thus as the carnal flesh dies, the thorn is removed and the Spirit is unveiled within us. The law as we know it, as a list of do's and don'ts, becomes obsolete as in the Spirit we are become the fulfilment of the law.

The result of the removal of the thorn and the coming up of the fir tree is to show forth the Glory of YaHWaH and His deliverance. In being delivered by Him from the bondage of the flesh His glory within us may shine forth!

This in essence is the whole purpose of the Law as represented by our ribs.

In talking of thorns it is also interesting to note the common saying 'you are a thorn in my flesh/side' which means that you are a source of constant irritation to somebody. The fact that the saying uses the 'side' as being where the ribs are located is another witness that the law/thorn is a constant irritation to our carnal flesh as it is the law/thorn that reminds us of Father's Divine nature - our destiny.

## **Ribs in the Scriptures**

In researching the word 'rib' as mentioned in the Scriptures, we come across some very interesting passages in the book of 2 Samuel. In the first chapter we read that Saul and his son Jonathan die. In the second chapter, David is anointed king over Judah and Ishbosheth is made king over Israel. Please read the whole of this second chapter as it is herein that we will focus our attention in this study.

There is immediately a battle between the men of Ishbosheth and the men of David over which David was victorious. It started by 12 men of Ishbosheth rising up to compete with 12 men of David. All men grabbed their opponents head and thrust his sword into his fellows side. As a result of this event a sore battle began and the men of Israel were beaten before the servants of David.

During the battle, one of David's men, Asahel, was pursuing Abner (captain of Saul's host who made Ishbosheth king) and because Asahel refused to turn aside Abner thrust

his spear under the fifth rib of Asahel and killed him. In order to revenge this murder both Abner and Ishboseth were killed in like manner at a later time. (2 Samuel 3:27, 2 Samuel 4:6). In 2 Samuel 20:10 we also read of a man called Amasa who was killed in the same manner by Joab, the servant of David (Amasa was made captain of Absalom's host in 2 Samuel 17:25. Absalom, David's son, desired to overthrow David).

Having looked at the outline of this account in the Scriptures, let's now see how these events relate to our anatomy. Firstly, the battle started when 12 men of Ishboseth rose up to compete with 12 men of David. We have 12 pairs of ribs. So these men are represented in our 24 ribs. They each thrust their swords into their fellows sides where the ribs are located.

In studying the names of the people and the places where an event took place we can gain a deeper understanding as to the meaning of the event. Let us first look at the servants of Ishboseth.

*2 Samuel 2:12; 'And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ishboseth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.'*

- The name Abner is Strongs 0074 and means 'My Father is a Lamp'.
- Abner was the son of Ner which is Strongs 5369 and means 'Lamp'.
- The name Ishboseth is Strongs 0378 and means 'man of shame'. He was Saul's surviving son and was king over Israel for 7 years whilst David was king over Judah.
- The name Saul is Strongs 7856 and means 'Desired'.
- The place they were situated was Mahanaim which is Strongs 4266 and means 'two camps' and is symbolic of the Feast of Trumpets, a time of making peace with your enemies (See 2 Samuel 2:28).
- And this company went to Gibeon which is where the battle was begun. Gibeon is Strongs 1391 and means 'hill city'.

So from these names and meanings we can distil a story. It was at the 'Hill City' that the 'Desire' of the 'Man of Shame' was revealed by the 'Lamp' in order that the 'Two Camps' be united in peace.

Of David's company we can also distil a theme when we look at the meanings of their names.

*2 Samuel 2:13; 'And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met together by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.'*

- Joab is Strongs 3097 and mean's 'Jehovah is Father'.
- Joab was the son of Zeruiah which is Strongs 6870 and means 'Balsam'.
- The name David is Strongs 1732 and means 'Beloved'.

This shows us that David's company realised that the 'Beloved' 'Balsam' of our

existence is realising that through persecutions 'Jehovah is Father' and it is through that realisation that we can be victorious.

So we see in the company of Ishbosheth a focus on the 'flesh man', whilst the company of David represents the 'spirit man'. It is these 'two camps' of flesh and spirit that need to come to a point of peace so that the glory of YaHWaH can shine forth.

It is in the hill, or mountain tops, that Father dwells and that our fleshly desires are revealed and we become men of shame, totally humbled before Him as His light shines on all our unrighteousness. And in the realisation of our inability, His Balsam is applied and unveiled within us we see our true identity as 'Spirit man', the 'Beloved', knowing that Jehovah is Father! At this point our two camps of flesh and spirit are united, the battle is won and YaHWaH's glory and righteousness (sternum) can shine forth.

And what has all this to do with the ribs and the 10 commandments they represent? The 10 commandments represent the character of YaHWaH. It is by the law that we realise our sin and unrighteousness and it is by coming to a point of complete humbleness, knowing that we cannot 'do it' that we see the sovereignty of Father so that His balsam can be applied to our broken bodies, that we may be healed so that He may shine forth from us, a picture of His true character, the fulfilment of His Laws!

It is interesting to note that Abner and Ishbosheth, who instigated this battle, were both killed by the sword, being pierced under their 5<sup>th</sup> rib, just as Abner had pierced Asahel in the same place. This indicates that there must be something special about the fifth commandment in coming to this point of showing forth the glory and righteousness of YaHWaH.

The fifth commandment is 'Honour thy Father and Mother that thy days may be long in the land'.

Personally, we can look at this commandment from a physical and spiritual side. If we honour our physical father and mother we can be assured of the blessing of a long life. If we look at the Spiritual side of this commandment we can see that as we honour our heavenly Father and His creation, symbolising the feminine or 'mother', our days will be long in His kingdom.

In this commandment we see also a distinction between two camps, there is male and female, spirit and flesh, Father and mother which needs to be united in order for His righteousness to shine forth.

It is this union of the two camps that can bring forth life in abundance!

This commandment also embodies that which by Yahshua was described as the greatest commandment in the Law (Matthew 22:37-40), namely to Love YaHWaH, the Father and

your neighbour, the created (female/mother).

As we know the first four commandments relate to our relationship with Father. The sixth to tenth commandments relate to our relationship to our fellow man, the created, the feminine. The fifth commandment thus connects the two in talking of honouring both Father and mother and this is the key to our being able to show forth the righteousness of YaHWaH.

## **The Meaning of the Ribs**

As we have seen, the first 10 pairs of ribs represent the 10 commandments and they are all directly or indirectly attached to the sternum which represents righteousness. Thus the Commandments and righteousness are intimately linked.

*Psalm 119:172; 'My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.'*

There are also the two pairs of floating ribs which do not find any attachment to the sternum. I believe these ribs represent Wisdom and the Spirit. Wisdom is the feminine and the Spirit is masculine. It is the Spirit and Wisdom, when completely balanced and in unity that will lead us to 'be' the commandments.

The Spirit was given to the man Adam (and is therefore masculine) when YaHWaH breathed the breath of life into him.

*Genesis 2:7; 'And YaHWaH Elohim formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.'*

So we know that the Spirit is masculine, but how do we know that Wisdom is feminine? Well, the price of wisdom is far above rubies, as is the virtuous woman;

*Job 28:18; 'No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.'*

*Proverbs 31:10; 'Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.'*

And when the Scriptures talk of wisdom, it is in the feminine;

*Proverbs 7:4; 'Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman.'*

We all know from the story of Adam and Eve that a deep sleep was placed over Adam and Father removed one of his ribs and from that rib he formed Eve. Thus something was separated from Adam to form Eve. Let's take one step back. Father created man, thus separating Himself, and He breathed into Adam His Spirit. Adam was a complete 'being'. Then Father separated the feminine out of Adam to make Eve, the Woman. Could it be that Father took out of Adam Wisdom and that it is only as the Spirit and

Wisdom are once again united that His glory and righteousness, as encompassed by His commandments, can once more shine forth? Thus, when we all, as male and female companies, are restored in unity to Father can we show forth His character and glory, as we did from the beginning.

Job 38:7; *'When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?'*

If we may therefore say that when Adam's rib was taken from him so too was Wisdom we can also see that Wisdom could no longer find a place on earth to inhabit in the sons of men so she found her residence in heaven from whence she came.

Enoch 42:1-2; *'Wisdom found not a place on earth where she could inhabit; her dwelling therefore is in heaven. Wisdom went forth to dwell among the sons of men, but she obtained not an habitation...'*

Proverbs 1:20; *'Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets.'*

Solomon understood this lack of wisdom within himself and it is therefore interesting to note that the thing which Solomon desired most of all was Wisdom.... To be made complete... To be united. And because he sought wisdom all other things were granted him.

2 Chronicles 1:11-12; *'And Elohim said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.'*

Similarly, when we become united with the Father in Spirit and in Wisdom, will we possess all in Him.

John 16:13; *'Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.'*

1 Chronicles 22:12; *'Only YaHWaH give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of YaHWaH thy Elohim.'*

In the description of the Virtuous Woman we also read that the law and wisdom are intimately linked and it is as Father leads the women of today into understanding His sovereignty that they may display His true Wisdom;

Proverbs 31:26; *'She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.'*

The ribs of Wisdom and the Spirit need not to be connected to the Sternum as it is the commandments, as picturing the character of YaHWaH, that illustrates righteousness. It is when the two camps of the masculine/feminine, spirit/flesh, spirit/wisdom are united and at peace with each other that the commandments will be fulfilled within us and His righteousness and glory will shine forth.

## **The Ribs and the Vertebrae**

We have discussed the connection of the ribs with the Sternum of righteousness, however we have not discussed the connection of the ribs with the vertebrae.

As we will see in a later study, the vertebrae represent the character traits of Yahshua. It is only through Him that we can be made righteous and it is only through Him that we can overcome the ungodly ways of this world of flesh.

1 John 5:5; *'Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Yahshua is the Son of Elohim?'*

Whereas not all the ribs are directly attached to the sternum, all the ribs are directly attached to the vertebrae. This shows us that it is only through Yahshua (vertebrae) that we can embody the divine law and have access to the Spirit and Wisdom (ribs) which will lead us into righteousness (sternum).

John 14:26; *'But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.'*

1 Corinthians 1:30; *'But of him are ye in Messiah Yahshua, who of Elohim is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.'*

Romans 8:3-4; *'For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, Elohim sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.'*

It is only through Yahshua that these things may be accomplished as in the flesh no one can please the Father.

Romans 8:8; *'So then they that are in the flesh cannot please Elohim.'*

## **Muscle Attachments to the Ribs**

The ribs are attached to 19 muscles. Bullinger has the following to say about the number nineteen;

Nineteen is a number not without significance. It is a combination of 10 and 9, and would denote the perfection of *Divine order* connected with *judgement*.

How wonderfully this ties in with the purpose of the Law in our lives. It is by the law that we are 'judged' so that we may become 'divinely perfect', as without the law there would be no sin and thus no need for judgement.

## **Conclusion**

It is through the judgement of the thorn, the flaming sword of the law that we are refined and tried, enabling us to show forth the glory of the divine nature within us, the pure silver and gold for His glory.

*Zechariah 13:9; 'And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, YaHWaH is my Elohim.'*