

## The Wisdom of God

- **God is wisdom! Man's wisdom is nothing in comparison to God's, for God is the author and giver of true wisdom.**  
1 Timothy 1:17 - Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.
- **God's wisdom knows no limit--the foundation of truth and faith.**  
Psalm 147:5 - Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.  
Romans 11:33 - O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!
- **Wisdom sees the end from the beginning.** God's wisdom enables Him to "devise perfect ends and to achieve those ends by the most perfect means." All God does is done in absolute wisdom and purity. This is our hope and our strength.  
Ecclesiastes 3:14 - I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.
- **By His wisdom and power God made the universe**  
Psalm 104:24 - O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.  
Proverbs 3:19 - The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.  
Jeremiah 10:12 - He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.
- **Our response? Recognition, awe, adoration and worship, submission**  
Jeremiah 10:7 - Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee.  
Romans 16:27 - To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.  
Jude 1:25 - To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.
- **All human wisdom comes from God**  
Daniel 2:20-23 - Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

- **God's wisdom vs. the wisdom of this world**

**Resting in what God is = faith**

**Resting in our own reasoning = foolishness**

Proverbs 3:7 - Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

Proverbs 12:15 - The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

Isaiah 5:21 - Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

Romans 12:16 - Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

1 Corinthians 1:19-20 - For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

1 Corinthians 1:26-27 - For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

- **Our "wisdom" is our dependence on God's wisdom!**

Deuteronomy 4:5 - Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

- **To know God's Word is to know wisdom**

Psalms 19:7 - The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Proverbs 2:6 - For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 8:8-9 - How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?

- **To know Christ, the Living Word, is to know wisdom**

Colossians 2:2-3 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In

whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Ephesians 3:10 - To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Mark 6:2 - And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

1 Corinthians 2:7 - But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1 Corinthians 1:24 - But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:30 - But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

### **Our conclusion**

- We repudiate our own wisdom and take instead the infinite wisdom of God.
- We reject our human desire to see ahead and choose instead to believe and trust God. We don't seek to understand in order to believe, but seek to believe that we might understand.
- We trust Him "in the dark"