

Bible Study: The Character of God

VI. God is Wise

Passage(s) to read:

Proverbs 1:7, Daniel 2:19-23, Matthew 13:54-56, Romans 11:33; Colossians 2:3, James 3:13-18

Related passages for personal study:

- * Job 12:12-13, Luke 2:52, Rom. 16:27, 1Cor. 1:17-2:16, Col. 4:5, Isaiah 5:21
- * Spiritual vs. worldly wisdom (James 3:13-18, 1 Cor. 1:17-31)

Descriptions of wisdom:

- * Right use of knowledge
- * Discretion: judge critically of what is just, proper or useful, united with caution
- * Godliness, piety, fear of God
- * Insight into the true nature of things
- * Ability to discern modes of action with a view to the results- Prudence

Aspects To Consider:

- * His wisdom is perfect (Job 36:4)
- * His wisdom is priceless (Job 28:12-19)
- * His wisdom is infinite “Omniscient” (Psalm 139:6, 147:5, Rom. 11:33, Isa. 40:28)
- * His wisdom is displayed:
 - In His works (Psalm 136:5, Mark 6:2)
 - In His redemption
 - As He searches the heart/understands the thoughts

How should God’s wisdom affect me?

- * Produces a desire for wisdom from God (2 Chronicles 1:10, James 1:5)
- * Should cause us to fear Him (Job 28:28)
- * Prompts worship
- * Increases faith
- * Promotes humility
- * God gives us wisdom to know Him (Ephesians 1:17)

Questions for Discussion:

- * What are some examples of wise men; what made them wise?
- * Why do we need wisdom?
 - Will (Col. 1:9); Warning (Col. 1:28); speak the Word (Col. 3:16); Walk (Col. 4:5, James 3:13); Work (Acts 6:3); Witness (Acts 6:10, Lk 21:15); dealing with Wrong (1Cor. 6:5)*
- * How do we grow in wisdom?