

The Wisdom of God

John 16:30 – Now we are sure that You know all things

Psalms 139:6 – Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.

The purpose of this lesson is to study the wisdom and knowledge of God.

God Has Demonstrated His Wisdom in the Past.

God Created Everything in Nature in Six Days.

Let us list what God made according to Genesis 1:

Day	Verses	Things Created
#1	Verses 3-5	Light and darkness (day and night)
#2	Verses 6-8	Firmament; divided the waters
#3	Verses 9-13	Dry land, seas, plants
#4	Verses 14-19	Sun, moon, & stars
#5	Verses 20-23	Fish, birds
#6	Verses 24-28	Land animals, man

All that He made was “very good” (verse 31).

God’s Creation Demonstrates His Wisdom.

Proverbs 3:19 – The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens.

Psalms 147:4-5 – He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name ... His understanding is infinite.

Ecclesiastes 11:5 – As you do not know what is the way of the wind, Or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, So you do not know the works of God who makes everything.

Imagine the wisdom God needed to create all that exists in nature. After years of study by thousands of scientists, there are yet many mysteries of nature that man has not been able to understand even after God made them, let alone could we have made them ourselves.

(Psalms 104:24)

God Has Demonstrated His Wisdom Regarding the Future.

Only God Can Know the Future with Certainty.

Man cannot predict the future in detail with certainty.

Proverbs 27:1 – You do not know what a day may bring forth. How often has even one day gone exactly as you planned it?

James 4:14 – You do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away

God can know and predict the future.

Isaiah 41:21-23 – Jehovah challenges the idols to prove they are gods. God can show us what will happen, declaring things to come hereafter.

Isaiah 42:8,9 – God declares new things before they spring forth. This proves He deserves to be honored as God. That honor should go to no one else.

God Predicted Many Details of Jesus’ Life.

God has made many predictions that have come true. Some concerned the destiny of nations or cities. Some of the most important predictions concerned the life of Jesus.

PROPHECY	SUBJECT	FULFILLMENT
Micah 5:2	Place of birth: Bethlehem	Matthew 2:1-6
Jeremiah 23:5	Lineage: Seed of David	Acts 13:22,23
Isaiah 7:14	Virgin Birth	Matthew 1:18-25
Deuteronomy 18:17-19; Psalm 110:1-4	Prophet, priest, & king	Acts 3:20-23; Hebrews 7:17; 8:1
Isaiah 40:3,4	Fore-runner: John Baptist	Luke 3:2-5
Zechariah 9:9	Triumphal entry	Matthew 21:1-9
Psalm 22:16-18; 34:20	Death by crucifixion	John 19:18-37
Isaiah 53:4-12	Died for others' guilt	1 Peter 2:21-25
Isaiah 53:9	Buried in rich man's tomb	Matthew 27:57-60
Psalm 16:10	Resurrection	Acts 2:24-32

These prophecies should convince us to believe in God and in Jesus, so we will obey them. If God can so predict the future, then surely He knows the best way for you and me to live.

God Assures Us of His Wisdom Regarding the Present.

God Knows Our Problems and Our Needs.

Revelation 2:9 – I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not.

When we suffer, especially for serving God, we may wonder, “Does God really see? Does He know what’s happening to me?” (1 Corinthians 10:13; Philippians 4:13).

Matthew 10:29-31 – The very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Matthew 6:8,32 – God knows everything we need even before we ask.

If we truly believe that God had the wisdom to make the world and the wisdom to predict the details of Jesus’ life, how can we doubt that He has the wisdom to know how to provide what we need? (Exodus 3:7; Deuteronomy 26:6,7; Psalms 69:19)

God Knows Our Words, Deeds, and Thoughts

1 Corinthians 2:11 – No man knows the thoughts of man except his own heart.

Psalms 139:1-4,7-12 – But the all-wise, all-knowing God always knows everything about us.

1 Chronicles 28:9 – The Lord searches all hearts and understands all intents.

1 Kings 8:39 – God alone know the hearts of all sons of men

The same God who had the wisdom to make the world and to predict in detail the life of Christ, also watches over our needs and will judge us for our lives. We should trust Him to do right, but we must make sure our lives are acceptable.

(Jeremiah 17:10; 23:24; Psalm 33:13-15; 44:21; John 2:24,25; Revelation 2:23; Proverbs 15:3; Hebrews 4:13; Acts 1:24)

Conclusion

Romans 11:33-34 – Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! “For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?”

Isaiah 55:8-9 – “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Far too often we fail to do God’s will because somehow we believe we have a better way. What God says does not please us. But there is no such thing as a better way than God’s. Surely no man can find a better way. Our only choice is to submit to His will.

People who respect God’s wisdom will not try to change His ways or improve on them. Instead we will simply obey. Are you obeying Him?

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