

GOD IS: ALL-WISE

Who is the wisest person you've ever known? Probably someone older who gained, from others, not only knowledge but experience in what to do. People think computers are smart, but are they wise? Ordinary people must program them to do the right thing in the right way at the right time and right place. Yet in every aspect of life, we finite beings quickly reach the end of ourselves, our knowledge, and wisdom.

1. GOD DEFINES WISDOM. Wisdom is often described as the right use of knowledge. The best means to the best end. Achieve the highest purpose, avoid harm, and do the greatest good. Reality teaches us we cannot know wisdom apart from God. Wisdom is a dimension of God's own character. He defines it. God IS wisdom. Not only all-powerful and all-knowing, He is all-wise. Romans 16:27 *"the only wise God."* Job 9:4 *"wise in heart."* Job 12:13 *"with God are wisdom and might; He has counsel and understanding."* Romans 11:33 *"O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways."* Revelation 7:12 ascribes wisdom to God alone, for all eternity. In all His attributes and actions, He always glorifies His name. Wisdom is intrinsic to God's divine nature.

2. GOD DISPLAYS WISDOM. In creation, God brought into existence everything that we know. Psalm 104:24 *"O Lord, how manifold are Your works, in wisdom You have made them all."* Calvin describes the universe as a theatre where God's wisdom and power are always on display. Scientists keep discovering aspects of the universe at both macro and micro levels that are unexplainable by other than God. Psalm 193:14 *"I praise Thee for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well."* Ecclesiastes 3:11 *"He has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from beginning to the end."* God is infinite, and all our discoveries will never answer all our questions about His purpose and the meaning of life, except what God reveals to us. In His providence, God wisely sustains all creation and all events to accomplish His purposes. Psalm 139:16 *"In Your book were written, everyone of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them."* The Bible shows how His perfect wisdom is always perfectly worked out, especially during trials. God displays His wisdom not only in His will and in His works, but also through His holy Word.

3. GOD DISPERSES WISDOM. We are made in God's image. But our wisdom, corrupted by sin, is a mere reflection of His infinite wisdom. True wisdom comes from God, through His Written Word and His Living Word. Psalm 111:10 *"the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."* Only as you rightly revere God in all His glorious attributes can you begin to understand Him, and the implications for your life. Psalm 19:7 *"the law of the Lord is perfect, making wise the simple."* His Written Word points to the Living Word, who makes foolish the wisdom of the world, because as 1 Corinthians 1:24 says *"Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God."* Faith in Christ is not just intellectual, assenting to truths and facts, but is first spiritual regeneration. It's not about your works, trying to live out the wisdom of God in order to please Him. Rather, you put all your trust in Christ, who 1 Corinthians 1:30 says has *"become our wisdom and redemption."* Then, Ephesians 3:10 says, God displays His manifold wisdom to all the universe through the church - the lives of His people transformed by the Living Word, Christ - who are living out His written word, the Bible. Because as Colossians 2 says, walk in Christ, so no one can delude you with philosophy and empty deceit according to human tradition. Because as 2 Timothy 3:14-16 says, the Scriptures make you wise for salvation, and equip you to live for Him, by His power within.

4. 'DO LIFE' WITH HIS WISDOM. James 1:5 says if you lack wisdom, ask of God who gives generously. WA Grudem says, "Every day of our lives we may quiet our discouragement with the comfort that comes from the knowledge of God's infinite wisdom. If we are His children, we can know that He is working wisely in our lives, even today, to bring us into greater conformity to the image of Christ." James 3:13 *"Who is wise and understanding among you? By his conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere."* Psalm 19 ends with *"let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."* If you are in union with Christ, who is the wisdom of God, then you are indwelt by His Spirit of wisdom. Not only to understand His word, but for the obedience of faith - to "live out" God's truth and wisdom, by His power within you!