"GOD IS WISE"
(The Omnisapience of God)

INTRODUCTION: Wisdom's Testimony (Prov. 8:22-31)

Because God is omniscient, He knows all; because He is omnisapient, He knows what is best!

Knowledge deals with facts; wisdom deals with methods.

(ILLUS: One can know theory, but it's another thing to practically put theory into substance)

Knowledge is knowing the "what," wisdom is knowing the "why" and "how".

God's wisdom and strength (ability) are often tied together (Job 9:4 - "He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?").

Wisdom - is insight into the true nature of things.

I. The Wisdom of God is Exclusive

A. He is wisdom (Rom. 16:27; I Tim. 1:17; Jude 25)

Jer. 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 non like unto thee."

B. He is the source of wisdom (Daniel 2:20-22)

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

II. The Wisdom of God is Endless (Rev. 7:12)

III. The Wisdom of God is Exalted (I Cor. 1:18-25, 2:6-10)

Because God is all wise, He applies His knowledge in such a way that the best means are employed to achieve the highest ends and thus bring God the highest glory.

IV. The Wisdom of God is Evidenced (Psalm 104:24)

4 Demonstrations of God's wisdom:

A. The Creation of God

Psalm 136:5 - "To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever."

SEE: Prov. 3:19, 20

Jer. 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."

B. The Control of God (Job 12:12-16; Rom. 8:28)

C. The Cross of Christ (I Cor. 1:23, 24)

Because God is all knowing, He knew man would sin; sin would bring death and destruction; and the just demands of God's Law would have to be satisfied.

Because God is all wise, He devised a plan of salvation that would both satisfy His Law, and remove the penalty and power of sin from hell-bound mankind. In His wisdom, He is both just and the justifier of him who believes in Jesus (Rom. 3:26).

D. The Church of God (Eph. 3:10)

*THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF GOD'S WISDOM

Because God is wise:

1. We should trust His wisdom (Jude 24, 25; II Cor. 12:7-10; Rom. 8:28).

   (Remember, He knows best)

2. We should desire His wisdom (Prov. 2:1-6, 4:7).

   a. Wisdom comes to those who fear God (Prov. 9:10).

   b. Wisdom comes to those who are humble before God (Prov. 11:2).

   c. Wisdom comes to those who seek godly advice (Prov. 13:10, cp. 2:1ff).

   d. Wisdom comes to those who dig it out of the Bible (Prov. 23:23).

   e. Wisdom comes to those who had parents who disciplined them (Prov. 29:15).

3. We should pray for His wisdom (Eph. 1:17; James 1:5)

   Example: Solomon - I Ki. 3:2-28, 10:1-8.

4. We should conduct our lives according to His wisdom (James 3:13-18)

Mt. 7:24 - Wise man/foolish man