"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)

Rom.16:27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

1 Tim. 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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."

Jude 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

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

Dan. 2:20-22 - Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:
21 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:
22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

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

II. The Wisdom of God is <u>Endless</u> (Rev. 7:12)

Rev.7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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

IV. The Wisdom of God is <u>Evidenced</u> (Psalm 104:24)

Ps. 104:24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

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)

Job 12:12-16 - With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.
13 With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.
14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.
15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.
16 With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his.

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

1 Cor. 1:23-25 - But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;
24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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)

Eph. 3:10-11 - To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,
11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

***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