Knowing God Whose Wisdom is Infinite

- 1. We live in an information age—but not an age of wisdom
 - -Many seek knowledge, success, power, but few seek wisdom
- 2. Wisdom is the ability to see beyond the apparent, to that which is real,
 - —beyond the temporary to that which is eternal
- 3. Wisdom is unique because True wisdom is from above—Divine Origin from God Himself

I. THE WISDOM OF GOD DESCRIBED

A. THE WISDOM OF GOD IS MAGNIFICENT (Isaiah 28:29 NIV)

- 1. Wisdom is more than knowledge—although it includes knowledge
 - a) A Person may have knowledge without wisdom.
- 2. Wisdom is more than understanding—although it includes understanding
 - a) some have understanding, but very few have wisdom

Wisdom is the proper application of knowledge & understanding to achieve the best possible result

- 3. Wisdom is Unique and Magnificent because it is a Divine Attribute of God!
 - a) God's wisdom is His unique ability to use ALL of His divine attributes in perfect harmony and balance to achieve His divine will.
 - b) Not only does wisdom involve Knowledge and Understanding... but it includes Love, Mercy, Justice, Righteousness, Integrity, Perfection

B. THE WISDOM OF GOD IS INFINITE

- 1. The Wisdom of God Has No Limitations (Ps 147:5 NKJ)
- 2. The Wisdom of God is Infinitely Profound...
 - a) it exceeds any and all understanding of man (Ecclesiastes 8:16-18 NIV)
- 3. The Wisdom of God is of Infinite Value
 - a) Because it is of Divine Origin from God Himself! (Job 28:12-28 NIV)

C. SINCE HIS WISDOM IS INFINITE HE CANNOT BE DEFEATED

- 1. Since God Has All Power, Knowledge, and Wisdom—He Wins!
 No One Else Stands a Chance!
- 2. No One Can Plot Against God and Win! No One Can Outsmart God!

II. THE WISDOM OF GOD DISPLAYED

A. IN CREATION

- 1. God used His Wisdom to Create the Cosmos (Proverbs 3:19)
- 2. Wisdom is applied knowledge and power (Jeremiah 51:15)
- 3. God's Wisdom is seen in the beauty & complexity of creation (Ps 104:24)
- 4. And God personified wisdom in Proverbs to Teach Us (Proverbs 8:22-36)

B. IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

- 1. The Providence of God is How God Brings About His Plans
- 2. But it is Also How God Provides for His People (Romans 8:28)
- 3. God's Divine Wisdom is Working in the Lives of His People!
 - a) Think About Joseph sold into slavery...
- 1) If Joseph's brothers never sell him to the Midianites, then Joseph never goes to Egypt.
- 2) If Joseph never goes to Egypt, he never is sold to Potiphar.
- 3) If he's never sold to Potiphar, Potiphar's wife never falsely accuses him of assault.
- 4) If Potiphar's wife never falsely accuses him of assault, then he is never put in prison.
- 5) If he's never put in prison, he never meets the royal baker and butler of Pharaoh.
- 6) If he never meets the royal baker and butler, he never interprets their dreams.
- 7) If he never interprets their dreams, he never gets to interpret Pharaoh's dreams.
- 8) If he never gets to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, he never is made 2nd in Command.
- 9) If he's never made 2nd in Command of Egypt, he never wisely administrates for a severe famine.
- 10) If he never wisely administrates for a severe famine, then his family back in Canaan perishes.
- 11) If his family back in Canaan perishes from the famine, the Lineage of Messiah Ends.
- 12) If the Lineage of the Messiah ends, then Jesus never enters the world in human form.
- 13) If Jesus never enters the world, you are dead in your sins and without hope in this world.

C. IN THE DESTINY OF NATIONS

- 1. Nebuchadnezzar had a disturbing dream...
 - a) And demanded His astrologers, magicians, wise men explain it on penalty of death
 - b) They gathered and said, tell us the dream and we will tell you it's interpretation
 - c) The King was shrewd and said, YOU tell me the Dream and then it's Interpretation
 - d) That way I know your not just making it up
- 2. The King gave the decree to kill the astrologers, magicians and wise men
 - a) So Daniel asked the King to give him time to tell the dream and the interpretation
 - b) And Daniel and his friends went to God in prayer for the answer
 - c) And God gave it to Daniel in a night vision (Daniel 2:19–23)
- 3. Notice How Daniel Gives Credit to God to the King (Daniel 2:27–30)
 - a) Daniel explained how the dream revealed the next four world-wide empires
 - b) And how in the days of the kings of the final empire
 - c) God will set up an eternal kingdom that will never be destroyed (Daniel 2:44)

D. IN THE RULE OF JESUS THE KING

- 1. God doesn't just know the end from the beginning...
 - a) God uses His wisdom to bring about the Empires and Nations to Fulfill His Will
 - b) And He Established the Kingdom of God and Jesus is King!
- 2. (Psalm 2)—Jesus is King and All Nations Will Break Against This Rock!
 - a) The Rulers of the Jews Conspired w/ Rulers of Roman Empire Against Jesus!
 - b) And God Used Their Envy, and Hatred and Blood thirst for Power against them
 - c) They Killed the Anointed One as a Criminal on a Cross
 - d) But it Only Fulfilled the Will of God!
- 3. Now Jesus is King with All Authority in Heaven and on Earth!
 - a) And People Still Think They Are Smarter than God—Really?! What a Joke!
 - b) In Jesus are hidden all the treasuries of wisdom (Colossians 2:2-3)

E. IN THE REDEMPTION OF MANKIND

- 1. Who but God would use the wickedness of man to fulfill His own purposes
 - a) Allowing Jesus Death on the Cross to Pay Our Debt of Sin in Full!
 - b) They Thought They Were Stopping Jesus from Taking Their Power!
 - c) But All They Did Was Fulfill God's Eternal Plan to Save Man!
- 2. When Paul thought about the incredible mystery of salvation...

He was overwhelmed by God's unsearchable wisdom (Romans 11:33-36)

III. THE WISDOM OF GOD GIVEN

Wisdom is a priceless gift that God wants to give you—to build a life on a solid foundation

A. WISE LIVING BEGINS WITH REVERENCE FOR GOD

1. Wisdom begins with a fear of the Lord (Prov. 9:10)

"But fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Prov. 1:7)

- a) Without the Lord there is no wisdom, for true wisdom is from the Lord!
- b) God is the True Source of All Wisdom for it Emanates From God Himself!
- c) True Wisdom begins with Awe and Reverence for the Lord the Source of All Wisdom

"Those who fear the Lord fear nothing else, but those who don't fear the Lord fear everything else."

- 2. There is a counterfeit wisdom that is not from above but below...
 - —A Wisdom without 'the Fear of the Lord'
 - a) For every good thing from God—the enemy creates a counterfeit...
 - b) A Self-Seeking Wisdom that is not from God but from satan (James 3:13–16)
 - c) This is the Wisdom that Dominates the Fallen World in Rebellion to God
 - d) It Corrupts Hearts, Corrupts Families, Communities, Cities and Even Nations
- 3. The Wisdom from God is not self-seeking (James 3:17–18)

B. WISE LIVING REQUIRES LEARNING FROM GOD

- 1. True Wisdom is of God and from God (Proverbs 2:6)
- 2. God gives wisdom and understanding to those who seek it (Eccl. 2:26)
 - a) Solomon asked God for wisdom to help him run Israel
 - b) Queen of Sheba crossed barren deserts to hear the wisdom of Solomon
 - c) The library in Medford, OR has an ancient inscription cut into marble...
 - d) It was an inscription from the 10th century from the Queen of Sheba

"I went in through the treasury of wisdom and I drew for myself the waters of understanding."
- Queen of Sheba, inscription 10th century B.C.

- 3. We can't cross deserts to hear the wisdom of Solomon as she did... but God has given us this Wisdom in His holy word
 - a) God Actually Wants You to Have Wisdom-
 - b) He Gave You an Entire Book Dedicated to Giving You Wisdom Proverbs!
- 4. David sought wisdom from God in the word of God (Psalm 119:98–100)

 And we can too! (2 Tim. 3:15)

C. WISE LIVING REQUIRES TRUSTING GOD

1. We Need the Wisdom to Realize We Don't Have all the Answers—

-but God Does! (Psalm 90:10-12)

"God isn't asking you to figure it out. He's asking you to trust that He already has."

- 2. Solomon shares an interesting story of a poor wise man (Ecc. 9:13–18)
 - a) We Don't Know the Details—only that the City was all but lost
 - (1) But One Poor Wise Man Saved the City with His Wisdom
 - (2) But No One Remembered the Poor Wise Man
 - b) We Don't Know the Details—But We Do Know Human Nature!
 - (1) Apparently, the Man Became Despised
 - (2) Probably from Someone who was embarrassed that a poor wise man did what he and the whole city could not do...
 - (3) So some self-important envious person spoke evil about this poor wise man and caused the city to despise him (v.16-18)
- 3. People Like Worldly Counterfeit Wisdom b/c it makes them feel superior!

"The most misleading way to feel wise is to feel superior." —Derek Kinder

a) If You Cant Trust God You Can't Have True Wisdom

D. WISE LIVING REQUIRES ASKING GOD (James 1:5-8)

- 1. God doesn't mind at all when we admit to Him that we need His guidance, His directions, His wisdom.
 - a) He doesn't withhold it from us because we don't deserve it—
 - b) God gives wisdom to all who ask whether we deserve it or not
 - c) because he knows we need it and wants us to have it!
- 2. We may not always understand God's ways, but we can trust Him, Because God Never Makes a Mistake!
- E. <u>WISE LIVING REQUIRES OBEYING GOD</u> (Matthew 7:24–27)
 - 1. Jesus says the wise man is the man who

doesn't just hear the word of the Lord, but does it.

- a) This is the Man who builds His Life on the Rock of Jesus Christ
- b) No Storm can take Him Down
- 2. Everyone who hears Jesus words and does not do them is a foolish man
 - a) He Built on the sand and was destroyed

CONCLUSION:

1. (Rom 11:33) God's Wisdom is Infinite... our wisdom is lacking...

You're never too old to not to need wisdom! You're never too young to not to need wisdom!

The purpose of a goal is not to just achieve the goal. Rather, in pursuit of a goal, you will become more than you were. And that's the goal! To become more. More well, more confident, more hopeful, more positive, more inspired, more encouraged, more Christ-like. True happiness is not contained in what you get. True happiness is found in who you become."—Jim Rohn

So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12)