

# THE WISDOM OF GOD

Acts 15:18

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The bible tells us about all of Gods wonderful attributes, not just so that we have knowledge about them, but so that, knowing them, they might change our lives and help us to understand the things of God more fully. Today, we will study God's attribute of wisdom, hoping to better understand how His wisdom is a benefit and a blessing to each of us.

## I. ONLY GOD IS TRULY WISE.

a. **Romans 16:27**

b. **1 Timothy 1:17**

i. **1 Corinthians 1:30**, If we have any wisdom at all, it came from God.

c. **Jude 1:25**

d. **Colossians 2:8**, the world will spoil you with various forms of "wisdom." This is not true wisdom.

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## II. NOTHING EVER SURPRISES GOD.

a. **Isaiah 46:9-10**, God already knows and declares the end from the beginning.

i. We have difficulty planning things because we don't know what surprises may come along to change our plans. God doesn't have that problem.

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## III. GOD NEVER MAKES LAST MINUTE DECISIONS.

a. **Matthew 25:34**, the Lord has prepared some things ahead of time for those who are going to enter the kingdom.

b. **Ephesians 1:4**, before the foundation of the world, the Lord looked ahead and chose us to be holy and without blame. He chose those of us whom He saw would be "**in Him.**"

c. **Romans 8:28-29**, God did not predestinate our destination (heaven or hell). He predestinated that those in Christ would be conformed to be like Jesus Christ.

d. **Ephesians 3:9**, the "**fellowship of the mystery**" (that we are all one in Christ Jesus) was something God had planned and hid from the "**beginning of the world.**"

e. **1 Peter 1:18-20**, Before man ever sinned and required a redeemer, God had a plan for that, based upon His foreknowledge that we would sin.

f. **Revelation 13:8**, the fact that Jesus Christ would die on the cross to redeem mankind was settled "**from the foundation of the world.**"

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## IV. GOD NEVER MAKES BAD DECISIONS.

a. **Acts 15:18, Mark 7:37**, All of God's works were preplanned. None of them were mistakes.

b. **Romans 9:20**, never assume that God made a mistake when He created you. You were purposefully made.

c. **Numbers 23:19**, God doesn't need to repent because He doesn't do anything wrong.

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## V. GOD'S WORK DOES NOT DEPEND ON MAN'S COOPERATION.

- a. **Matthew 24:14**, God is not waiting for us to preach the Gospel in all the world before He is able to return to Earth. The gospel of the kingdom has already been preached in all the world.
  - b. **Acts 7:51**, man often resists God. This will not hinder God's plans.
  - c. **Genesis 50:20**, God had a plan for Joseph that Joseph's brothers were not able to mess up.
  - d. **Psalms 76:10**, God is in charge of man's wrath. He can use it to praise Him, or He can stop it.
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## VI. ALL THINGS WORK INTO GOD'S PLAN.

- a. **Romans 8:28**, no matter what we do, God will work things out according to His purpose.
  - b. **Romans 8:29**, God knew beforehand that you were going to be saved. Based on that, He determined to make you more like Jesus.
  - c. **Ecclesiastes 3:11**, God's perfect timing in our lives plays a factor in the beauty of the events that take place in our lives.
  - d. **John 6:21**, When you try to do things in your own strength, you will struggle. When you include Jesus Christ in those things, you will succeed with great ease.
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## VII. GOD HAS WISDOM FOR THOSE WHO SEEK IT.

- a. **James 1:5-6**, if you want wisdom, just ask God. Believe that He will give it to you.
  - b. **Proverbs 3:5-7**, don't try and be wise in your own eyes. Let God work things out in your life.
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### The wisdom of man:

- There is no God (Psalm 14:1, 53:1)
- It's God's fault I'm this way (James 1:13-14)
- I'm not that bad. I haven't done anything evil (1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Revelation 21:8).
- My heart is clean (Proverbs 20:9).
- I'm righteous (Romans 3:10)

God, in His perfect wisdom, prepared a way to save you from the fires of eternal hell. You have a choice to make.

- Stop rejecting God's plan, receive Jesus Christ as your Savior, and enjoy eternal life—OR—
- continue in your own wisdom, according to your own plan—and continue down the broad road that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13).

***"The foolishness of God is wiser than men."*** (1 Cor 1:25)