

# The Knowledge and Wisdom of God

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What area in your life this morning do you need wisdom on?

## FIRST: THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD...

**Ps 147:5** - "His understanding is infinite". , **I Jn 3:20** -God knows "all things". God is... a "know it all!" **Job 37:16** "The wonders of one perfect in knowledge," **P 139:2** - "You know when I sit down and when I rise up;" **Ps 90:8** - "You have placed our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence." **P 94:7-9** "They have said, "The Lord does not see, when will you understand, stupid ones? He who planted the ear, does He not hear? He who formed the eye, does He not see?," **Job 11:11** "He sees iniquity without investigating.", **Job 28:24** - " He looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens", **Job 31:4** - "Does He not see all of my ways and number all my steps?," **Job 34:21-22** - "His eyes are upon the ways of man and He sees all His steps. There is no darkness or deep shadow where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.", **Pr 15:3** - "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, watching the evil and the good.", **Pr 5:21** - "the ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, He watches all his paths." , **Ps 139:3** "intimately acquainted with all my ways."

- God knows our **public life** and **our secret life**. His knowledge **penetrates everything!**

**Is 29:15** - "Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the Lord, and whose deeds are done in a dark place, and they say, 'Who sees us?' or 'Who knows us?'," **Ps 69:5** - "O God, it is You who knows my folly, and my wrongs are not hidden from You.", **Ez 8:12** "do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are committing in the dark, each man in the room of his carved images? They say, Lord does not see us; , **Je 16:17** "My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is... iniquity concealed from My eyes.", **Ps 94:11** - "The Lord knows the thoughts of man," **Ps 44:20-21** - "If we had forgotten the name of our God or extended our hands to a strange god; would not God find this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.", **I K 8:39** "render to each according to all his ways, whose heart You know, You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men,"

**Jeremiah 16:17** - "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?" (**17:9**). Answer v.10 - "I, the Lord, search the heart. I test the mind."

- God knows not only everything in the **past & present**, but He is also in **perfect knowledge of the future**. **P139:16** "Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them."

- God **knows everything** that can be known, **everything** that has ever been known and everything that **will ever be known**, He knows!

**Ish 40:26** "Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these stars, the One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, not one of them is missing.", **139:6** "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain to it." , **Job 23:10** - "But He knows the way I take;," **Ps 103:14** - "For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.", **Ps 56:** "You have taken account of my wanderings; Put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in Your book?," **Mt 6:31-34** - "Do not be anxious, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."

## NOW THAT IS GODS KNOWLEDGE: BUT GOD IS DESCRIBED IN SCRIPTURE AS GOD OF WISDOM.

- God is wise because He's God.

Paul in **Rom 16: 27** "only wise God". And **11:33** "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" **Ps 147:5** - "Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite."

- God's wisdom is based on His omniscience. All of God's knowledge is matched with His wisdom, in that God always chooses the best plan, and then has the best means to accomplish that plan.

**Is 40:13-14** "Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or as His counselor has informed Him? With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge and informed Him of the way of understanding." No one! Writers down through the years have penned definitions to help us to grasp God's wisdom.

- Listen FBC -All of God's works are ordered in perfect wisdom, first for His own glory, and then for the highest good, for the greatest number, for the longest time (2X)

- Scriptures tell us that God's wisdom is revealed in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

**Col 2:3** – “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”...There is much I could say of wisdom of God revealed in Salvation **I Cor 1**, in the Church **Eph 3**, or our reception of wisdom through the fear of the Lord, but for our time, let me focus on two ways the wisdom of God is revealed to us.

## **1. God's Wisdom is Revealed in Creation.**

**Ps 104:24-25** “O Lord, how many are Thy works! In wisdom Thou hast made them all; The earth is full of Thy possessions. There is the sea, great and broad, in which are swarms without number, Animals both small and great.” **Pr 3:19**– “The LORD by wisdom founded the earth, By understanding He established the heavens.” **Job 38:4-6** – “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding, who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, **38:16-20** – “Have you entered into the springs of the sea Or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, Or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you understood the expanse of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this. Where is the way to the dwelling of light? And darkness, where is its place,” **Job 38:22-30** – “Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, Or have you seen the storehouses of the hail, Which I have reserved for the time of distress, For the day of war and battle? Where is the way that the light is divided, Or the east wind scattered on the earth? Who has cleft a channel for the flood, Or a way for the thunderbolt, To bring rain on a land without people, On a desert without a man in it, To satisfy the waste and desolate land And to make the seeds of grass to sprout? Has the rain a father? Or who has begotten the drops of dew? From whose womb has come the ice? And the frost of heaven, who has given it birth? Water becomes hard like stone, And the surface of the deep is imprisoned.” **Prov 8: 22-30** “The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, Gods wisdom Creation, **Job 38:31-39** “Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades, Or loose the cords of Orion? Can you lead forth a constellation in its season, and guide the Bear with her satellites? Do you know the ordinances of the heavens, or fix their rule over the earth? Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, So that an abundance of water will cover you? Can you send forth lightning's that they may go. And say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the innermost being or given understanding to the mind? Who can count the clouds by wisdom, Or tip the water jars of the heavens, When the dust hardens into a mass And the clods stick together?” **Jer 10:12** – “It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom; and by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens.”

## **2. God's Wisdom is Revealed in Providence.**

**Providence is God's invisible hand orchestrating all events for His glory and our good.**

**Rom 8:28** – “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” **Is 40:27-29** – “Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and the justice due me escapes the notice of my God'? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.” **Rom 11:33** “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?”

## **PRACTICAL APPLICATION:**

**Glory in His character- but it also intersects with our daily life:**

**Jam 1:5** if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”