

WHAT COMES TO YOUR MIND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT GOD?

Part six - The Attributes of God and their Application to Daily Living

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THE JOY OF WORSHIPING AN INFINITELY WISE GOD - The Wisdom of God - continued

Last week we considered the first point of this teaching on the wisdom of God - ***God works all things with eternal ends in mind.*** Tonight we'll consider two more key truths about the wisdom of God:

2) WHENEVER GOD DOES ANYTHING HE HAS ALL THE FACTS

Unlike us, He never works with just ***part*** of the information. When He deals with our lives, He knows the ideas in our heads and the motives in our hearts. He knows where every single decision we make is going to ***take*** us. ***We are transparent before Him:***

Hebrews 4:13 - “And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

This is amazing. In all that God does, He is able to take absolutely **everything** into account. When God's ways look **unwise** to **us** it's because, with our finite perspective, we **never** take all the facts into consideration in **any** of our decisions. We do the best we **can**, but to take **everything** into account lies far beyond possibility for us.

Now here's the important question. **Why** does God tell us about His wisdom. **Why** do the Scriptures praise this aspect of Father God so vividly and repeatedly? And the answer is, it's for **us**. We're told this about our God so we'll remember how ludicrous it is to rely on our assessment of our circumstances when God's ways and ours don't line up.

3) **THINK OF THE THREE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD WE'VE STUDIED SO FAR**

Think of the three attributes of God we've studied so far in this series. Each one matters a great deal to all of us:

What if God weren't **eternal**? No matter how good He was He would eventually wear out and die like the rest of us. And all His plans and intentions would die with Him.

What if God weren't ***unchanging***? What if one week He wanted to redeem me but he next week He wanted to get even for all the bad things I had done. What if one year He was merciful but the next sadistic. Because He is an ***almighty*** God, who could stop Him if He wanted to be cruel or mean with His fallen creation?

And what if God weren't ***infinitely wise***? What if He was eternal and unchanging but was constantly making huge, cosmic mistakes. Where would we be this winter if He forgot to put oil and natural gas in the ground. What if He just couldn't remember how to make the earth grow food. Or send rain? Or what if He just couldn't figure out what to do about my pride and sin?

I hope you can see how we benefit greatly from God being who He is. This is the reason for ***glorying*** in our God. These truths, perhaps more than any others, call for ***highest praise, deepest thought, and joyful sacrifice.***

I close with **A.W.Tozer** again: ***"With the goodness of God to desire our highest welfare, the wisdom of God to plan it, and the power of God to achieve it, what do we lack? Surely we are the most favored of all creatures."***

And everybody said...