

Systematic Theology Chapter 12

Wisdom

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1. What is wisdom? How does it differ from bare knowledge?

2. Give an example of someone who maybe does have much of a book education, yet still is wise.

3. What does it mean that God is wise?

4. What does Proverbs 9:10 teach us regarding wisdom?

5. Record two places where God's wisdom is affirmed in scripture?
 - a.

 - b.

6. How is God's wisdom seen in the great plan of salvation? Why does the Apostle Paul consider God's predestination and justification (by faith alone) of His people to be so wise?

Let us repeat in unison Paul's praise to God in **Romans 11: 33**. "Oh the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?' 'Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?' For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things period to Him be glory forever. Amen."

6. Why does the Apostle Paul consider the wisdom of God to be manifested in the salvation of a Gentile church? How does this divine wisdom break down racial barriers?

7. Are you sometimes critical of what God does in your life or the world? What can we be critical about? This criticism involves doubts about the wisdom of God's choices. How should we check this criticism?

8. Why is it important that we grow in wisdom?

9. How have you grown in wisdom?

10. How can we get greater wisdom?

11. Read **James 1:5-8**. How does James teach that we can get wisdom? What does he mean when he says that we are to "ask in faith"?" What does it mean that God will give wisdom "generously"?

12. Where or to whom can you go to find wisdom?