

## WEEK FOUR

### Attributes and Promises of God

#### **Why can we trust God and believe His Promises?**

#### GOD IS WISE

“God is not a man, that He should lie,  
Nor a son of man, that He should repent.  
Has He said, and will He not do?  
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”  
Numbers 23:19

“What does the Bible mean when it calls God wise? In Scripture wisdom is a moral as well as an intellectual quality, more than mere intelligence or knowledge, just as it is more than mere cleverness or cunning. To be truly wise, in the Bible sense, one’s intelligence and cleverness must be harnessed to a right end. Wisdom is the power to see, and the inclination to choose, the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it.

”Wisdom is, in fact, the practical side of moral goodness. As such, it is found in its fulness only in God. He alone is naturally and entirely and invariable wise. ‘His wisdom ever waketh,’ says the hymn, and it is true. God is never other than wise in anything that He does. Wisdom, as the old theologians used to say, is His essence, just as power, and truth and goodness, are His essence—integral elements, that is, in His character.” J. I. Packer

#### **This week spend time reading and meditating on these Scriptures.**

God is Wise: Jeremiah 10:7; Romans 11:33-36; Jude 25; Romans 16:27;  
Isaiah 40:28; Daniel 2:20-22; Jeremiah 51:15; 1 Samuel 2:3; Psalm 147:5;  
James 3:13-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

#### **As you read and meditate on these Scriptures consider these questions:**

What does it mean that God is wise?

What is God revealing about Himself in these Scriptures?

Do you think of God that way? Why or why not?

What does knowing that God is wise mean to you personally?

What difference could that knowledge make in your life today?

What do you think J.I. Packer means when he says that wisdom “is God’s essence”? Can God ever make a mistake or do something stupid? Why?

Being created in God’s image, is this an attribute that belongs to God alone, or one that we can reflect as His image-bearers?

Some of these Scriptures compare man’s wisdom with God’s wisdom. What would you say are the main differences?

Proverbs 1:7 says that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”

What does “the fear of the Lord” mean?

Why would this make us more wise?

“Believers are not to be scared of God. We have no reason to be scared of Him. We have His promise that nothing can separate us from His love (Romans 8:38-39). We have His promise that He will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). Fearing God means having such a reverence for Him that it has a great impact on the way we live our lives. The fear of God is respecting Him, obeying Him, submitting to His discipline, and worshiping Him in awe.” [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org)

Can you ask God for more of HIS wisdom? (See James 1:5-6)

What have you learned about God that you didn't know before?

Do you have a better idea of who God is from this attribute? In what way?

How does it help you to see Him “high and lifted up” as it says in Isaiah 6:1?

What is it about this attribute that comforts you, gives you joy, hope, or assurance?

Is there anything that makes you fearful, worried, or insecure? Please explain.

In what way does this attribute help you to know that God loves you?

Does it make you want to worship Him more often and intentionally?

“God’s eternal purpose is to reveal His wisdom to the celestial beings as well as to His church. God is still accomplishing His purpose, which will culminate in the second coming of His Son and the establishment of His kingdom upon the earth. When this purpose and program is completed, the full scope of God’s wisdom will have been revealed, and this wisdom will be revealed as so great it will provide the fuel for the praise of God throughout all eternity.”

Bob Deffinbaugh

### **The Promise for Week Three**

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:28-29

Spend some time today meditating upon each sentence.

Try reading this promise in several different translations.

Is this promise familiar to you?

Who is speaking?

There are several promises inside this promise? What are they?

Is there one portion of this promise that stands out to you? Why?

What do these promises mean to you personally?

What do you think is the correlation between knowing that God is wise and this promise?

Why is this correlation important?

Are you burdened today with trials, temptation, fear, anxiety, exhaustion?

Do you need a rest? Is Jesus speaking to you directly?

Do you come to Him often for that rest?

Do you believe this promise? Is there evidence in your life that you are living this promise? What does it look like? Can you trust God to fulfill this promise? Why?

How could you use this promise in your life today?

“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.” A.W. Tozer