KNOWING GOD

LESSON 7

Title: The Only Wise God

Text: Psalm 104:24, Proverbs 3:19, Daniel 2:19-23

1. **Review**:
   1. Knowing everything, God can be taught nothing.
   2. We go to God not to inform Him, but to express our trust and confidence in Him.
2. **Introduction**:
   1. A passage of Scripture we will discuss at a later time in this series is Isaiah 6 where the Lord gave Isaiah a vision of Himself and Isaiah said, “I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up…”
   2. Each attribute of God that we consider ought to elevate our thoughts of God. In other words, the more we consider characteristics that are true about God, the loftier our thoughts of God ought to be.

**Transition**: In this lesson we will consider the wisdom of God. Only God is wise and God is only wise in all His thoughts and ways.

1. **The Wisdom of God is declared all through Scripture**.
   1. A writer of Scripture declares the wisdom of God.
      1. All through Scripture we simply read declarations of His wisdom.
      2. “We shall not seek to understand in order than we may believe, but to believe in order that we may understand. Hence we shall not seek for proof that is wise. The unbelieving mind would not be convinced by proof, and the worshipping heart needs none.” A. W. Tozer.
      3. In our text in Daniel, he is greatly moved by God’s wisdom and he never seeks to prove it. It is enough that He is God.
   2. What is the difference between the knowledge of God and the wisdom of God?
      1. Knowledge is theoretical. Wisdom is practical.
      2. Wisdom is to adapt knowledge to situations of life.
      3. The wisdom of God defined:
         1. “Choosing the best end and the best means to reach that end.” ­­––William Hendriksen
         2. “The ability to devise perfect ends and achieve those ends by the most perfect means.” ––A. W. Tozer.
      4. God is wise because He sees everything and every fact as it is in relation to everything else.

**Transition**: With those definitions in mind, let’s notice a few examples of God’s wisdom in Scripture.

* 1. The Bible illustrates God’s wisdom all throughout.
     1. The case of Noah and the Ark.
        1. What was God’s purpose in the days of Noah?
        2. It was twofold:
           1. To judge the world of wickedness by a flood.
           2. Preserve the human race.
        3. The wisdom of God is the ability to carry out the perfect end by the perfect means, which God did in the case of Noah and the flood.
     2. The case of Abraham becoming the father of Israel.
        1. What was God’s purpose?
        2. It was to have a nation to Himself through which the Savior would come.
        3. Abraham was not a great example of faithfulness at the beginning of his life.
           1. He didn’t fully obey when he left Canaan.
           2. He went to Egypt out of God’s will due to famine.
           3. He was afraid to claim Sarah as his wife in Egypt.
           4. He let his wife coerce him into taking her handmaid, Hagar, and having a child by her, and then his wife threw out Hagar because his wife got jealous.
        4. However, through the wisdom and power of God, Abraham became one of the great figures of human history.
        5. God’s end was to produce a great nation, which He did by His wisdom through Abraham.
        6. Note: wisdom always denotes morals. It denotes accomplishing good goals by good means. All else is shrewdness and craftiness.

1. **What does God’s wisdom mean to us?**
   1. God has a perfect end in mind for you and me (Romans 8:28-29).
      1. It is to transform us into the image of His Son.
      2. God will use the most perfect means to accomplish that end.
   2. To know God is only wise is to trust His wisdom when we don’t understand the means He uses to accomplish an end.
2. **Conclusion**: God’s wisdom means He knows the end from the beginning and has a reason for your trials and my trials. He is going to accomplish a perfect end and whether we grasp it now or not, the circumstances are good for us.