

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen. **JUDE 24-25**



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The Bible magnifies the exclusive nature of God's wisdom.
"He alone is wise."



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If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

JAMES 1:5



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Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness"; and again, "The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." **1 CORINTHIANS 3:18-20**



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Human Wisdom Deceives

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. **COLOSSIANS 2:8**



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Human Wisdom Disappoints

I looked most carefully into everything, searched out all that is done on this earth. And let me tell you, there's not much to write home about. God hasn't made it easy for us. I've seen it all and it's nothing but smoke-smoke, and spitting into the wind.



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Human Wisdom Disappoints

Life's a corkscrew that can't be straightened, a minus that won't add up. I said to myself, "I know more and I'm wiser than anyone before me in Jerusalem. I've stockpiled wisdom and knowledge."



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Human Wisdom Disappoints

What I've finally concluded is that so-called wisdom and knowledge are mindless and witless—nothing but spitting into the wind. Much learning earns you much trouble. The more you know, the more you hurt.

ECCLESIASTES 1:13-18 (The Message)



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Human Wisdom Disintegrates

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.



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Human Wisdom Disintegrates

But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall. MATTHEW 7:24-27



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The Bible points to the inclusive nature of God's wisdom.

"...in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

COLOSSIANS 2:3

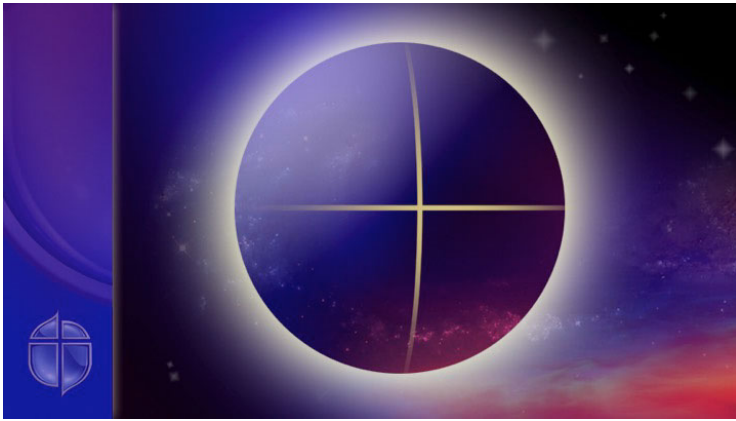


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... to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen. ROMANS 16:27



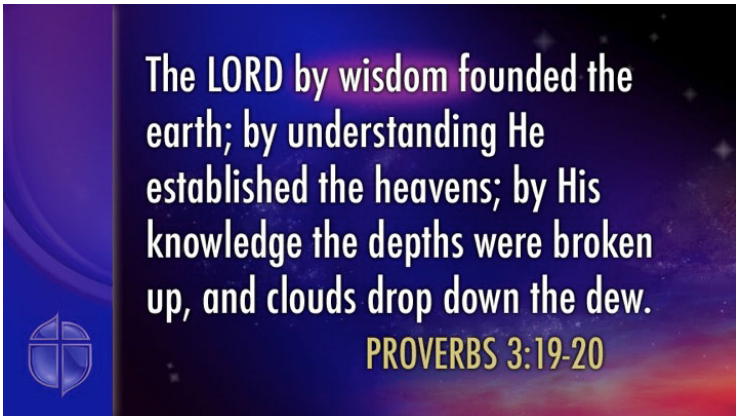
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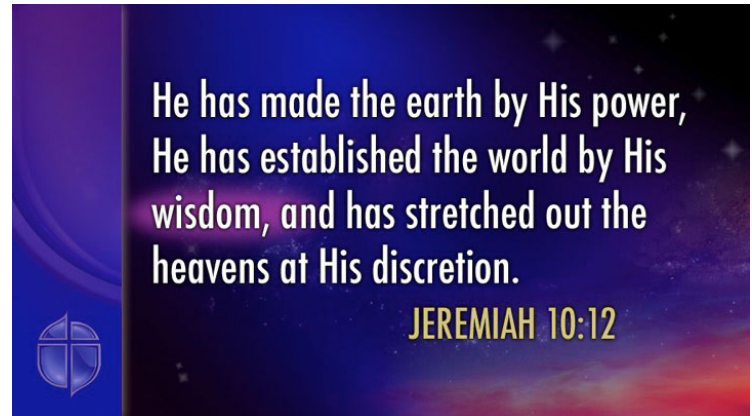
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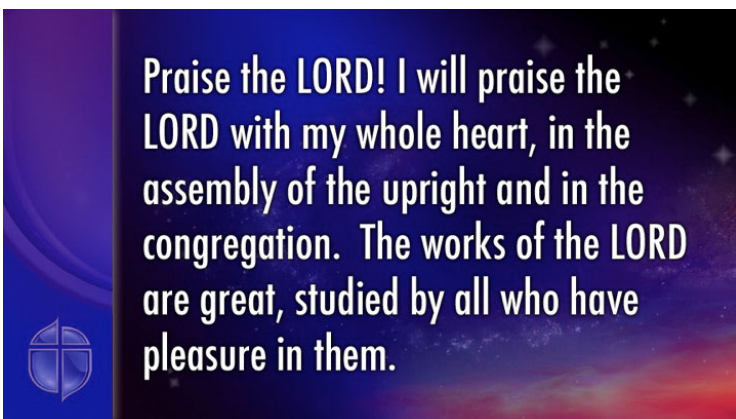
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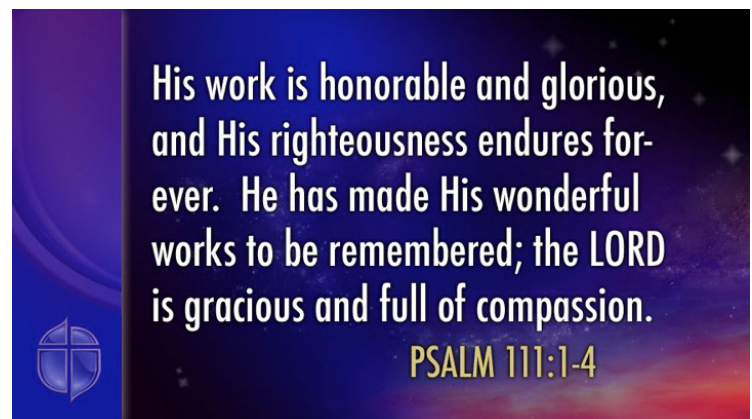
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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!



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Reflect on the
Wisdom of
God's Works

Recognize the
Wisdom of
God's Ways



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"For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways My ways," says the
LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than
the earth, so are My ways higher than your
ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

ISAIAH 55:8-9



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RECOGNIZE THE WISDOM OF GOD'S WAYS
The Way of Salvation

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For since, in the wisdom of God, the
world through wisdom did not know
God, it pleased God through the foolish-
ness of the message preached to save
those who believe. 1 CORINTHIANS 1:21



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For the message of the cross is foolish-
ness to those who are perishing, but to
us who are being saved it is the power of
God. For it is written: "I will destroy the
wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing
the understanding of the prudent."



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Where is the wise? Where is the scribe?
Where is the disputer of this age? Has
not God made foolish the wisdom of this
world? **1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-20**



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"I am the way, the truth, and the
life. No one comes to the Father
except through Me." **JOHN 14:6**



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RECOGNIZE THE WISDOM OF GOD'S WAYS
The Way Through Suffering

"Look, I go forward, but He is not there,
and backward, but I cannot perceive Him;
when He works on the left hand, I cannot
behold Him; when He turns to the right
hand, I cannot see Him. But He knows the
way that I take; when He has tested me,
I shall come forth as gold. **JOB 23:8-10**



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Show me Your ways, O LORD; teach
me Your paths. Lead me in Your
truth and teach me, for You are the
God of my salvation; on You I wait
all the day. **PSALM 25:4-5**



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Reflect on the
Wisdom of
God's Works
Rest in the
Wisdom of
God's Wrath
Recognize the
Wisdom of
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Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.



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Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. **ROMANS 12:17-19**



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Reflect on the Wisdom of God's Works	Rest in the Wisdom of God's Wrath
Recognize the Wisdom of God's Ways	Rely on the Wisdom of God's Word



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The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple . . . **PSALM 19:7**



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Professing to be wise, they became fools . . . **ROMANS 1:22**

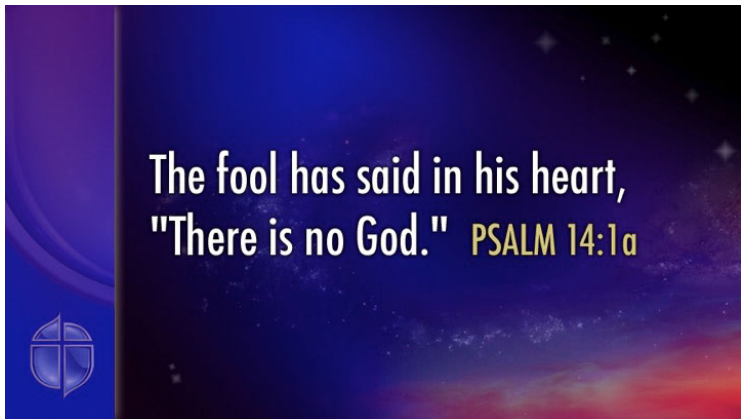


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. . .and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **2 TIMOTHY 3:15**

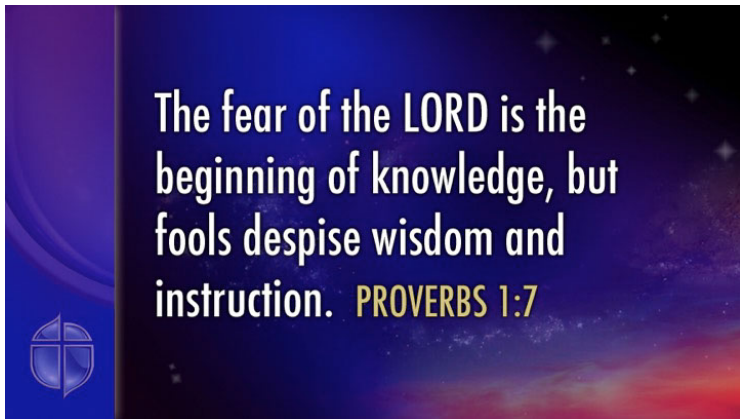


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The fool has said in his heart,
"There is no God." **PSALM 14:1a**

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The fear of the LORD is the
beginning of knowledge, but
fools despise wisdom and
instruction. **PROVERBS 1:7**

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