



## Approaching God

### Begin your time with an opening prayer

Take a moment to quiet your heart and ask God to help you experience his presence today. Ask Him to free you from any distractions as you begin to read and meditate on today's passages.

### Today's Theme: God is Wise

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 fullness only in God.

## Bible Reading, Study & Meditation - Slowly Read the Following Passages

**Start with Engaging the Text: Take a few minutes to highlight, circle, or underline key words.**

### **Job 28:12-28**

**12** But where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell? **13** No mortal comprehends its worth; it cannot be found in the land of the living. **14** The deep says, "It is not in me"; the sea says, "It is not with me." **15** It cannot be bought with the finest gold, nor can its price be weighed out in silver. **16** It cannot be bought with the gold of Ophir, with precious onyx or lapis lazuli. **17** Neither gold nor crystal can compare with it, nor can it be had for jewels of gold. **18** Coral and jasper are not worthy of mention; the price of wisdom is beyond rubies. **19** The topaz of Cush cannot compare with it; it cannot be bought with pure gold. **20** Where then does wisdom come from? Where does understanding dwell? **21** It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing, concealed even from the birds in the sky. **22** Destruction and Death say, "Only a rumor of it has reached our ears." **23** God understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells, **24** for he views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens. **25** When he established the force of the wind and measured out the waters, **26** when he made a decree for the rain and a path for the thunderstorm, **27** then he looked at wisdom and appraised it; he confirmed it and tested it. **28** And he said to the human race, "The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding." his robe filled the temple.

### **Isaiah 55:8-11**

**8** "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. **9** "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. **10** As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, **11** so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

### **Romans 16:25-27**

**25** Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, **26** but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith— **27** to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

## Meditation - GOD IS WISE

Read the short essay from A.W. Tozer

The idea of God as infinitely wise is at the root of all truth. It is a datum of belief necessary to the soundness of all other beliefs about God. Being what He is without regard to creatures, God is of course unaffected by our opinions of Him, but our moral sanity requires that we attribute to the Maker and Sustainer of the universe a wisdom entirely perfect. To refuse to do this is to betray the very thing in us that distinguishes us from the beasts.

In the Holy Scriptures, wisdom, when used of God and good men, always carries a strong moral connotation. It is conceived as being pure, loving, and good. Wisdom that is mere shrewdness is often attributed to evil men, but such wisdom is treacherous and false. These two kinds of wisdom are in perpetual conflict. Indeed, when seen from the lofty peak of Sinai or Calvary, the whole history of the world is discovered to be but a contest between the wisdom of God and the cunning of Satan and fallen men. The outcome of the contest is not in doubt. The imperfect must fall before the perfect at last. God has warned that He will take the wise in their own craftiness and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Wisdom, among other things, is the ability to devise perfect ends and to achieve those ends by the most perfect means. It sees the end from the beginning, so there can be no need to guess or conjecture. Wisdom sees everything in focus, each in proper relation to all, and is thus able to work toward predestined goals with flawless precision.

All God's acts are done in perfect wisdom, first for His own glory, and then for the highest good of the greatest number for the longest time. And all His acts are as pure as they are wise, and as good as they are wise and pure. Not only could His acts not be better done: a better way to do them could not be imagined. An infinitely wise God must work in a manner not to be improved upon by finite creatures. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all. The earth is full of Thy riches!

A.W. Tozer - *Knowledge of the Holy*

## Daily Reflection Questions

1. What 1 or 2 verses of today's scripture passages most stood out to you? What was significant for you in those verses?
2. How would you briefly summarize what it means that "God is Wise" in your own words?
3. In what areas of your life right now do you most need to believe and trust in this particular attribute of God? How might your life be different if you were able to trust and truly believe in God's perfect wisdom ?

## Close in Prayer:

- What can I **REJOICE IN** as a result of today's study?
- What do I need to **REPENT OF** as a result of today's study?
- What do I want to **REQUEST FROM** God today?