

KNOWING GOD

GOD ONLY WISE

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Wisdom is an _____ of God.

¹² "But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? ¹³ Man does not know it's worth, and it is not found in the land of the living. ¹⁴ The deep says, 'It is not in me,' and the sea says, 'It is not with me.' ¹⁵ It cannot be bought for gold, and silver cannot be weighed as its price. ¹⁶ It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, in precious onyx or sapphire. ¹⁷ Gold and glass cannot equal it, nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold. ¹⁸ No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal, the price of wisdom is above pearls. ¹⁹ The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it, nor can it be valued in pure gold. ²⁰ "From where, then, does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding? ²¹ It is hidden from the eyes of all living and concealed from the birds of the air. ²² Abaddon and Death say, 'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.'

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Job 28:12-28 ESV

WHY SHOULD WE TRUST GOD'S WISDOM OVER OUR OWN?

"With God are wisdom and might; he has counsel and understanding. ¹⁴ If he tears down, none can rebuild; if he shuts a man in, none can open. ¹⁵ If he withholds the waters, they dry up; if he sends them out, they overwhelm the land. ¹⁶ With him are strength and sound wisdom. Job 12:13-16a

God acts in perfect _____, backed by unmeasurable _____.

"Wisdom without power would be pathetic, a broken reed; power without wisdom would be merely frightening; but in God boundless wisdom and endless power are united, and this makes him utterly worthy of our fullest trust."
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"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. Matthew 7:24-25

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