

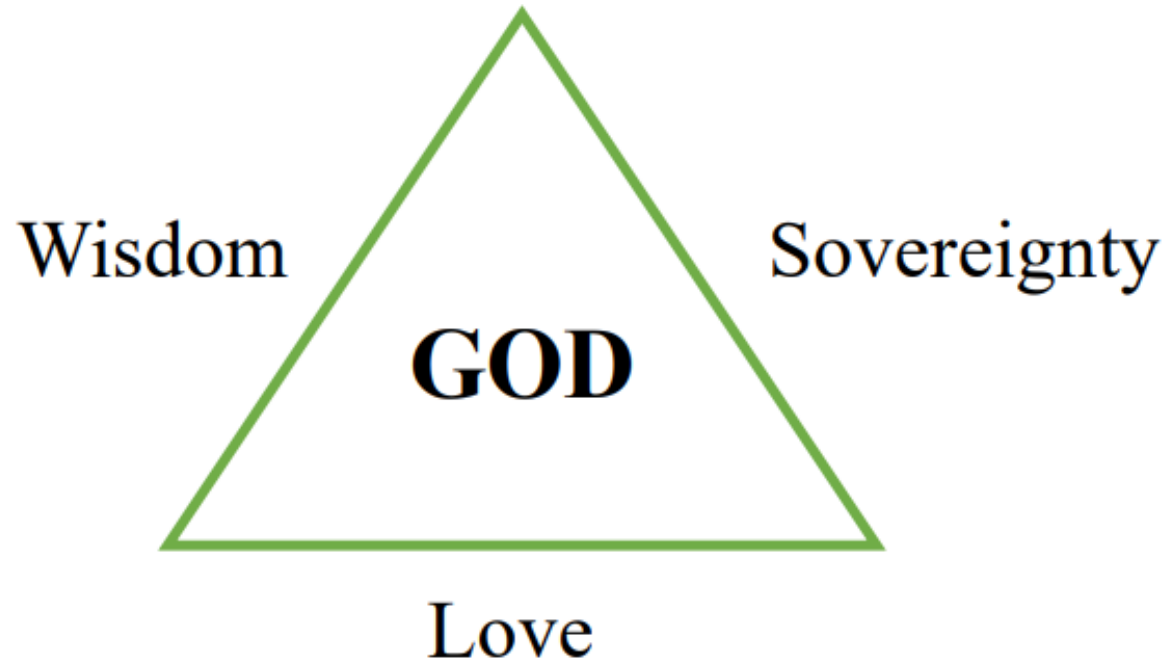
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Trusting God
Jerry Bridges

Chapter 8
The Wisdom of God

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The Wisdom of God – how does it operate?



*God exercises His sovereignty for His Glory
and the good of His people*

The Wisdom of God – definitions of wisdom

- Wisdom is commonly defined as good judgment on the ability to develop the best course of action or best response to a given situation.
- Theologian J. L. Dagg described wisdom as “consisting in the selection of the best end of action and the adoption of the best means for accomplishment of this end”

The Wisdom of God – Bible descriptions

Great is our Lord and abundant in strength;
His understanding is infinite.

Psalm 147:5, NASB

*It is He who made the earth by His power,
Who established the world by His wisdom;
And by His understanding He has stretched
out the heavens*

Jeremiah 10:12, NASB

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! ³⁴ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?

Romans 11:33-34, NASB

The Wisdom of God – the purpose part 1

For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:36, NASB

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all things for the glory of God.

1 Cor 10:31, NASB

“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

Revelation 4:11, NASB

The Wisdom of God – the purpose part 2

The good that God works for in our lives is conformity to the likeness of His Son. It is not necessarily comfort or happiness but conformity to Christ in ever-increasing measure in this life. Most godly character can only be developed through adversity.

God in His infinite wisdom knows exactly what adversity we need to grow into the likeness of His Son.

He knows when we need it and how to best to bring it to pass on our lives.

The Wisdom of God – growing through adversity

- Beauty out of ashes
- Holiness out of Adversity
- God never explains
- God's ways are incomprehensible
- God's wisdom is greater than our adversaries

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded to sift you *men* like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith will not fail; and you, when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Luke 22:31-32 NASB

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Treasure in Affliction

Before I was afflicted I went astray,
But now I keep Your word.

It is good for me that I was afflicted,
So that I may learn Your statutes.

Psalm 119: 67, 71 NASB

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“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,”
declares 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 NASB

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There is no wisdom, no understanding,
and no plan against the Lord.

Proverbs 21:30 NASB