

God is All-Wise

Do you ever find yourself questioning God? “God, why did this happen?” “God, what are you up to here?” Sometimes we can face such difficult things in life, things that make no sense to us, and we find ourselves wondering what God is up to. We find ourselves questioning God. When it comes to such things we need to cling to the truth that God is good, God is all-powerful, AND God is all-wise. God in His perfect wisdom is working out that which is truly good. May we learn to trust God who is perfect in His wisdom.

Read Job 12:13; Isaiah 40:28; Daniel 2:19-23; Rom. 11:33

1. What do these passages teach about God?
2. J.I. Packer defines God’s wisdom as “the power to see, and the inclination to choose, the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it” (*Knowing God*, 80). What do you think of Packer’s definition of God’s wisdom?

Brian said:

Scripture teaches that the highest goal that God is always working towards is a restoration of a right relationship between Himself and mankind. God created man to worship and honor and love Him, but at the Fall this relationship was broken and mankind began to live in independence and rebellion from God. In His wisdom, God is always at work to bring about a restoration of that right relationship. And so God’s highest and best goal is drawing men and women back into a right relationship with Him. It is that the Gospel of Christ would go forth into all the world so that men and women would trust Christ as Savior and then having been saved from sin would live in obedience to Him as Lord. His highest goal is that we would be conformed to the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29-30) and once again worship and honor and love Him as He deserves. This is what God in His wisdom is always seeking to bring about. This is the story of the Bible.

3. How might it be helpful in your life to keep in mind this truth about what God’s highest and best goal is for you and those you love?

4. Brian used the story of Joseph (Gen. 37-50) as an example of God's wisdom at work in and through a person's circumstances to bring about a good result. What kinds of things did Joseph experience as God worked out His perfect plan?

5. How does Joseph's story help you understand God's wisdom?

Brian said:

I would rather have an easy life rather than a hard life; I'd rather my life be one of comfort rather than suffering. I'm right there with you. But if we think that this is what God is supposed to do, it is going to be really hard to trust Him. But if we can come to understand that God is working in our lives and other people's lives to restore us to a right relationship with Him; one in which we love, honor and worship Him rightly; and if we can come to understand that God in His wisdom is doing things in and through us that serve eternal purposes, then we going to be in much better place to trust Him.

6. Do you ever struggle thinking that what God really ought to do in your life is help it be more comfortable and trouble free? How might such thinking make it harder to trust that God in His wisdom is doing good things?

Brian said:

What does it mean for us to know that we have an all-wise God who is always working to bring about the highest and best goal through the surest means? It means that **we can trust Him**. God's infinite wisdom is joined together with His unlimited power and His perfect knowledge and this makes Him completely worthy of our trust. Trust Him. In the midst of whatever difficulty you are facing right now, trust Him. He loves you. He wants what is eternally good for you. He is working to bring about the best and highest goals in your life and in the lives of those you love. Trust Him.

7. Where in your life do you especially need to trust that God in His wisdom is truly working out that which is best?