

Who is Wise and Understanding Among You?

James 3:13

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Seek the LORD...

- Why wouldn't we?
- Various other things tempt us to detach our trust from God
 - People, money, science, etc.
- Nothing wrong with relying on these things

God is Sovereign

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither 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

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

Why the struggle to see through this lens?

- Challenged by the “wisdom” of this world everyday
 - Based only on what can be observed or measured
 - Tension that exists between earthly wisdom and faith
 - Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen
 - Bible is constantly attacked by “thought leaders” of the world
 - Sigmund Freud, Stephen Hawking, etc
- Man thinks he is so much *wiser* now

Earthly Wisdom...

- Don't be too impressed nor deceived by it
- What we currently know is only the tip of a massive iceberg
- There is an alternative to it
 - Prov 9:10, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight”
 - Col 2:3, “... Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”
 - This alternative many times looks very different from earthly wisdom

The wisdom of God governs our lives if it is Christ who lives in us and the life we now live in the flesh we by faith in Him

God sees not as man sees

- Theme throughout the Bible
- Noah
- Joseph
- David
- Jesus Christ
 - The One in whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden

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- Jesus Christ
 - Born as a helpless baby in a manger
 - A Galilean
 - Spent His life in serving others
 - No status, no wealth, and nothing noteworthy about His appearance
 - Executed in one of the most horrific manners
- Countless other examples in the Bible

Who is wise?

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