

Man's Wisdom vs. God's Wisdom

Wisdom – the art of learning how to succeed in life according to God's designed plan. In previous meditations I have mentioned that there are two ways, "God's way and our way" and our way is absolutely wrong unless it coincides totally with God's design for man. Many will live there life emulating others who claim to be intelligent or wise according to worldly standards. What God has for you is for you! He blessed Solomon with the gift of wisdom and Solomon tainted this gift with some of his own philosophies. Solomon was the wisest man ever. Wisdom is only inherited by those who have the understanding and knowledge of God. The following is what God has to say to those who believe they can make it without Him in this life.

1 Corinthians 1:18-29 NLT – (18) The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. (19) As the Scriptures say,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise
and discard the intelligence of the intelligent."

(20) So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. (21) Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. (22) It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. (23) So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense. (24) But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. (25) This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength. (26) Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy^[g] when God called you. (27) Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. (28) God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. (29) As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

Proverbs 1:7 tells us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Fools despise wisdom and understanding. In other words God's way is not the best way according to those who live by worldly standards!

SCRIPTURE READING

Obadiah 1:3-4

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God's promises have no expiration date.

