



“Wisdom”

Knowledge with Reverence
I Corinthians 1:18-25

God’s wisdom is:

I. Powerful – “It is the power of God” (vs. 18-20)

God’s wisdom can:

- A. Redeem** – “unto us which are saved”
- B. Ruin** - “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise”
- C. Reject** – “bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent”

II. Proffered – “it pleased God by... preaching” (vs. 21-23)

God’s wisdom comes with:

- A. Preaching** - “preaching to save them that believe”
- B. Proofs** – “Jews require a sign...Greeks seek wisdom”
- C. Prophecies** – “to the Jews a stumblingblock”

III. Personified – “Christ the power ...wisdom of God (vs. 24-25)

God’s wisdom is more:

- A. Visible** – “which are called, both Jews and Greeks”
- B. Virtuous** – “the foolishness of God is wiser”
- C. Valiant** – “weakness of God is stronger than men”

Sentence Sermon:

“Man is most wise when he bows to the wisdom of God.”

Additional Verses

- *Proverbs 9:1; James 3:17 (7 Pillars of Wisdom)*
- *I Corinthians 4:10, 20*
- *Luke 9:24-25*
- *Isaiah 55:8-9*
- *Isaiah 29:14*
- *Romans 1:16*
- *II Thessalonians 2:10*
- *II Corinthians 4:3-4*
- *Isaiah 29:14*
- *II Kings 18:17-19:37*
- *Acts 6:6; 9:29; 17:18; 28:29*
- *Galatians 5:11*
- *Psalms 33:10*
- *Romans 1:22*
- *James 1:5; 3:15-18*
- *Proverbs 8:22-36*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What does it mean that the preaching of the cross is foolishness?
4. How does God destroy the wisdom of the wise?
5. What is “foolish” about preaching?
6. Who would the wise, scribes, disputers be today?
7. Why is the cross of Christ a stumblingblock for Jews?
8. Why is the cross of Christ foolishness to Greeks?
9. What does it mean that the foolishness of God is wiser than men?
10. How is the preaching of the cross really great wisdom?
11. How do we know when something is wise before, during, and after?
12. What are some of the wisest things you have done?
13. What are some of the wisest things God has done?