Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



Who is God? What is He like? Can He be known? These are the most important questions in the universe. The good news is God has answered these questions by revealing Himself through His attributes. The most important thing we can do in the universe is grow in our knowledge of God. We have been created by God to know God. For the season of Lent our devotions will be on knowing God through His attributes.

Wise

We find in God wisdom and knowledge unsurpassed and infinite. Wisdom is not just knowledge, but "know how." God's wisdom enables Him to "know how" to do anything.

"Wisdom, among other things, is the ability to devise perfect ends and to achieve those ends by the most perfect means. It sees the end from the beginning, so there can be no need to guess or conjecture. Wisdom sees everything in focus, each in proper relation to all, and is thus able to work toward predestined goals with flawless precision" (A.W. Tozer).

Scripture on God's Wisdom

Job 28:23-28 "God understands the way to [wisdom], and he knows its place. For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens. When he gave to the wind its weight and apportioned the waters by measure, when he made a decree for the rain and a way for the lightning of the thunder, then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out. And he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.'"

Proverbs 2:6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 3:19-20 The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.

Jeremiah 10:7, 12 Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you.

12 It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.

Daniel 2:20-22 Daniel answered and said:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings;

he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Romans 16:27 To the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

I Corinthians 1:24b-5, 30 Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Colossians 2:2-3 That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Song

Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

God Omniscient, God All-Wise

God omniscient, God all-wise, With thy ever-searching eyes, Look within me, view my heart; Keep me pure in ev'ry part.

Refrain: God of love, God of light,

Guide my trusting soul aright; God of wisdom, God of pow'r, Be thou with me ev'ry hour.

God almighty, God of pow'r, Be thou near me ev'ry hour; Grace and glory to me give, In thy might within me live. *Refrain*

God unchanging, God so dear, God afar, and yet so near, In thy majesty so fair, Thou art present ev'rywhere. *Refrain*

God eternal, God most high, God of truth, who cannot lie, Round about me cast thy charms, Underneath me be thine arms. *Refrain*

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Prayer

II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Holy God, you are infinitely wise, consistently wise, perfectly wise. When we see wisdom like yours, we realize just how much our limited, finite wisdom compares with your limitless, infinite wisdom. You can never be more wise, you always do the wisest thing in our lives. No plan we could make for our lives could be better than the plan you have already crafted and are carrying out for us. We might not understand your ways today, but we can trust that because you are infinitely wise, you truly are working all things out in the best possible way.

Holy Father, we want to know more of you, to gain a deeper knowledge of your Word and to discover your perfect will for our life. Teach us your ways. Open the eyes of our heart to understand more of your Word for in it is great wisdom. As you promise in your Word, give us more wisdom to know you, love you and walk in your will and ways. In the name of Jesus, Amen.