

Trusting God for His Wisdom

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Job 37:14, 38:1ff.

B. God uses the wonders of nature to invoke His wisdom. (Psalm 104:24)

C. We cannot fathom the wisdom of God in how He runs the universe and our individual lives. (Isaiah 40:13ff)

II. God is weaving all of history and our lives into a beautiful pattern, but we only see the underside, which is chaotic and appears random. We must trust His wisdom to make a beautiful pattern. (Ephesians 1:11; Romans 11:33-34)

A. We try to be God's counselor in our lives.

B. God is never frustrated or at a loss as to what to do with the circumstances of the world or our particular situations.

C. God rarely lets us in on what He is doing. He never explained to Job what was going on behind the scenes of his life. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

1. We always ask why before we trust Him and He asks us to trust Him without knowing why.

III. Wisdom is often defined good judgment in developing a response to human situations. God doesn't agonize over contingencies because He has limitless understanding and controls circumstances. (Psalm 147:5; Ephesians 1:11)

A. God knows exactly the amount of adversity to bring into our lives to move us from point A to point B.

1. God's ultimate objective for us is to conform us to the likeness of Jesus Christ, not for us to be comfortable.

2. All of the tragedy and grief that enters into our lives are part of God bringing about that objective. He never wastes pain and He does not leave any loose ends in the good or bad events in our lives. (Romans 8:28-29)

IV. If we are going to trust God in the bad and good events in our lives, we must trust in His wisdom, His sovereignty and His goodness.

Application questions:

1. How does our own human character impact how we look at God's wisdom? Is part of the reason that we have difficulty trusting God's wisdom is that we import the selfishness or ignorance that come from being human into His decision making process?

2. How can we overcome our need to know why in order to trust God?

3. Why is believing that God is perfectly wise an important element in trusting Him?
