

HIS PERFECT WISDOM

SERMON INTRO//

- Last week, we talked about how God corrects us in a perfect way because He loves us.
- This week, we're diving into something just as important. We are discussing God's perfect wisdom.
- The Bible is packed with examples of how God always knows what to do. He never guesses or makes mistakes.
- Here's the amazing part! God doesn't keep His wisdom to Himself. He wants to share it with you!
- Today, we'll look at what God's perfect wisdom is and why it's a big deal for your life.

CONTEXT//

- Solomon was a young king who had a huge job to do. He was called to lead God's people after his father, David.
- In today's passage, God appeared to Solomon in a dream and told him to ask for anything he wanted.
- Instead of asking for something selfish, like money or power, Solomon asked for wisdom so he could be a good leader.
- God loved Solomon's request so much that He gave him more wisdom than anyone else in history (along with riches and honor).

SCRIPTURE//

1 Kings 3:5-12 (NIV):

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, 'Ask for whatever you want me to give you.' Solomon answered, 'You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. ... So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?' The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your

enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

MAIN POINT// God has perfect wisdom and generously shares it with us when we ask.

- Solomon's story shows that God's wisdom isn't just for kings or grown-ups. It's available to anyone who asks.

- God's wisdom is better than anything we can figure out on our own:

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “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

- God's wisdom helps us make good choices, deal with tough situations, and live in a way that honors Him.

- God loves it when we come to Him for guidance because it shows we trust Him.

- Solomon didn't ask God to make Him smart. He asked Him for wisdom.

- There's a big difference between knowledge and wisdom:

1. Knowledge is collecting facts and info and storing it in your memory.

2. Wisdom is knowing how to use that info in real life to make good decisions.

- It's one thing to know a lot, but it's even better to know what to do with what you know!

ILLUSTRATION//

- *Personal Example: Share a story of a time when you asked God for wisdom—like deciding on a career move, figuring out a tough situation at work or at home, or knowing how to help someone.*

- God's wisdom is for everyone who humbly asks for it, no matter how young or old they are.

- James 1:5 says:

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

- God doesn't wait for us to be perfect or super smart. He's ready to help anyone who asks.

- While we'll never be as wise as God, He promises to give us the wisdom we need for whatever we're facing.

RESPONSE//

- Ask God to give you wisdom for the things you're dealing with right now—big or small.

- The Bible promises that God will share His wisdom with you if you ask.

- Think about this:

1. What will you do with the wisdom God gives you?

2. How can your wisdom help others—your friends, family, or even your school?

3. What are other areas of your life where you need God's wisdom?

- The altars are open! If you'd like help praying for wisdom, come forward, and someone will pray with you.

- This week, spend time praying and reading your Bible to seek God's guidance for your life.