



Knowledge of the Holy

Chapter 11: The Wisdom of God

[God] gives wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep secret things.

Read Daniel 2:17-20. In this story 4 young men astounded a king with the wisdom God had given them. Share with the group a time when God gave you wisdom and understanding. How did this time draw you closer to God and result in making choices that brought Him glory.

In the Holy Scriptures wisdom, when used of God and good men, always carries a strong moral connotation. It is conceived as being pure, loving, and good. Wisdom that is mere shrewdness is often attributed to evil men, but such wisdom is treacherous and false. These two kinds of wisdom are in perpetual conflict...the whole history of the world is discovered to be but a contest between the wisdom of God and the cunning of Satan and fallen men.

How have you experienced these two kinds of wisdom? Have you ever been at the crossroads where you would either practice wisdom or shrewdness? What did you do?

Wisdom sees everything in focus, each in proper relation to all, and is thus able to work toward predestined goals with flawless precision.

Read Proverbs 1:7. How have you found this verse to be true in your life?

What do you think how Tozer defines wisdom? Has this been your experience with the wisdom God has given you?

All God's acts are done in perfect wisdom, first for His own glory, and then for the highest good of the greatest number for the longest time. And all His acts are as pure as they are wise, and as good as they are wise and pure. Not only could His acts not be better done: a better way to do them could not be imagined.

God knows your very best and your very worst. How have you experienced God's unfailing love and forgiveness in light of your most secret failings and sins?

