



## SEMESTER 4 - WEEK 7

# The Attributes of God [Part 4]

Review:

## THE WISDOM OF GOD

**Definition:** God always chooses the best goals and the best means to those goals. God's decisions will always bring about the best results, and they will bring about those results through the best possible means.

### God's wisdom and His salvation plan

- I Corinthians 1:18-31

### God's wisdom and the Church

- Ephesians 3:10

### God's wisdom and mankind

- Proverbs 1:7, 9:10

## **THE OMNIPOTENCE OF GOD**

**Definition:** God is all-powerful, having more than enough strength to do anything within His divine nature.

**God is all-powerful and able to do whatever He wills.**

- Job 42:2
- Matthew 19:26

**God can do everything and anything that is in harmony with His nature.**

**What can God not do?**

- Cannot approve evil - Habakkuk 1:13
- Cannot deny Himself - II Timothy 2:13
- Cannot lie - Titus 1:2
- Cannot tempt anyone - James 1:13
- Cannot do things that are absurd or self-contradictory (make square circles, etc.)



## **THE LOVE OF GOD**

**Definition:** God gives of Himself to others for their good by His own choice, regardless of their merit or response.

### **Knowing God's Love**

- Ephesians 3:14-19

### **How has god demonstrated His Love?**

- The death of Christ - Romans 5:8
- Praise of obedient Christians - II Corinthians 9:7
- Chastening of believers - Hebrews 12:5



## MINISTRY PASSAGES

### THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD [PART 4]

#### JOB 42:2 — I KNOW YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS

2        *"I know that You can do all things,  
And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.*

#### I CORINTHIANS 1:18-31 — GOD'S WISDOM IN THE GOSPEL

18        *For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

19        *For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."*

20        *Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?*

21        *For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.*

22        *For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,*

23        *but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,*

24        *but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, 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.*

26        *For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.*

27        *But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;*

28        *God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,*

29        *so that no human being<sup>4</sup> might boast in the presence of God.*

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

31        *so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."*



**EPHESIANS 3:14-19 — KNOW THE UNKNOWABLE LOVE OF GOD**

14     *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,*  
15     *from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,*  
16     *that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through*  
       *His Spirit in the inner man,*  
17     *so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in*  
       *love,*  
18     *may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,*  
19     *and to **know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge**, that you may be filled up to all*  
       *the fullness of God.*



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### **QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. What are ways to direct your heart to hold on to these truths when life's circumstances make it difficult to believe them?

2. How would you help someone who understands God's attributes mentally but struggles to believe them in a way that impacts their thinking?

