

God's Wisdom

Paul declares, "The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Corinthians 1:25). What Paul is saying is that even if God did have a foolish idea, thought, or manner it would still be wiser and much more profound than any mans. The wisest man to ever live provides us with the same reasoning. Solomon recorded, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes" (Proverbs 3:5-7).

Too often as humans we fail to see the need to examine ourselves as though we were looking into a mirror spiritually (James 1:23-25). Instead of looking to make sure that the reflection we see is indeed approved of by God, we look and see what seems best for us at the time or the given situation. Consequently, we lean upon our own understanding and rationalization. When we find ourselves in such a situation, we would do well to remember the words of Solomon when he pens, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12). Solomon furthers by adding, "Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him" (Proverbs 26:12). Our trust needs to be fully placed in the wisdom of God, even if it requires our own admission of wrong.

Fully trusting in God will likely counter some situations or circumstances we may find ourselves in while going through life. Herein lies the folly that the Proverb and Ecclesiastes writer (Solomon) points out regarding life. When we take it upon ourselves to over think what God tells us to be right versus what I want to be right or OK at the time, the result is always wrong spiritually. The physical side may be

satisfied or accomplished, but it is the spiritual body that will continue existing for all eternity, thus our need to fully trust in God.

The example of Saul helps us understand our need to fully trust in God and not lean on our own understanding. Saul proudly stated, "I have performed the commandment of the Lord" (1 Samuel 15:13). Yet, such was not the case at all. Reading in the context of the situation, Saul indeed did some of what God had told him to do, but not everything, resulting in rebuking words from the Prophet Samuel on behalf of God. Samuel will tell Saul, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22).

Fully trusting in God's wisdom and building ourselves up to meet His standard is the best path for eternity that one can seek. Since our steps belong to God (Proverbs 20:24), let us each purpose to live according to His wisdom when it comes to a life of spiritual success.