

The Knowledge of the Holy

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11 -- The Wisdom of God

What does theology attempt to express about God's wisdom?

GOD'S WISDOM IS INFINITE. [3RD ¶, LAST SENTENCE]

What does God's wisdom mean concerning our opinions of Him?

HE IS COMPLETELY UNAFFECTED BY OUR OPINIONS. [6TH ¶, 3RD SENTENCE]

“Wisdom ... is the ability to devise _____ ends and to _____ those ends by the most perfect _____.”

PERFECT / ACHIEVE / MEANS. [8TH ¶, 1ST SENTENCE]

What is the first goal of God's acts? What is the secondary goal?

HIS OWN GLORY / THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE MOST FOR THE LONGEST TIME. [9TH ¶, 1ST SENTENCE]

What is the question so many struggle to answer? (hint: it is a centuries old issue)

THAT AN ALL-WISE GOD COULD CREATE A WORLD IN WHICH IS SO MUCH WRONG. [11TH ¶, 1ST SENTENCE]

What is the Christian answer to the above question?

OUR WORLD IS NOT AT THE MOMENT THE BEST IT CAN BE & THAT IT IS UNDER THE SHADOW OF A GREAT DISASTER KNOWN AS THE FALL OF MAN. [12TH ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]

Based on the answer to the previous question, what is the Christian hope?

THAT CHRIST'S TRIUMPH IS YET TO COME, AND THAT THERE IS HOPE IN THE FUTURE. [13TH ¶]

“The testimony of _____ is that, no matter how things _____ in this fallen world, all God's _____ are wrought in perfect wisdom.”

FAITH / LOOK / ACTS. [15TH ¶, 1ST SENTENCE]

What were two of the greatest demonstration of God's wisdom?

THE INCARNATION OF GOD'S SON [15TH ¶, 2ND SENTENCE] / & THE ATONEMENT [16TH ¶, 1ST SENTENCE]

How do we bring God's wisdom into practical experience in our lives?

PRAYER BY FAITH. [18TH ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]

“God _____ encourages us to _____ Him in the _____.”

CONSTANTLY / TRUST / DARK. [21ST ¶, 1ST SENTENCE]

What examples of God's works in the dark ought to inspire trust in God's wisdom?

CREATION / CHRIST IN THE WOMB / THE DARKNESS AT CHRIST'S DEATH / THE RESURRECTION. [LAST ¶, 3RD SENTENCE]

“With the _____ of God to desire our highest welfare, the _____ of God to plan it, and the _____ of God to achieve it, what do we lack?”

GOODNESS / WISDOM / POWER. [LAST ¶, 1ST SENTENCE]

How does this chapter challenge what you think about God?

ANSWERS WILL VARY

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benign -- kindly, good

conjecture -- debate

connotation -- association, meaning

datum -- fact

effulgence -- brightness

expiatory -- atoning

furnish -- provide

incomprehensible -- not able to understand

modifiers -- descriptions

plenitude -- plenty

repudiate -- reject

tenet -- basic point of belief

veritable -- real, genuine