

The Only Wise God - Ezekiel 4 and 5

God's wisdom:

1. God always chooses the _____ and the _____ to those goals.

Scripture gives us the certainty that God is wise:

Job 9:4: "His wisdom is profound, his power is vast. Who has resisted him and come out unscathed?"

Job 12:13: "To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his."

Psalms 147:5: "Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit."

Isaiah 31:2: "Yet he too is wise and can bring disaster; he does not take back his words. He will rise up against the house of the wicked, against those who help evildoers."

Daniel 2:20-22: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him."

Romans 16:27: "to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen."

2. God is the only one about whom we can say, in whatever He does:

God's omniscience:

3. God fully knows Himself and all things _____ and _____ in one simple and _____.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Romans 8:28-29

*We should not be too taken aback when unexpected and upsetting and discouraging things happen to us now. What do they mean? Simply that God in his wisdom means to make something of us which we have not attained yet, and he is dealing with us accordingly. We may be absolutely bewildered at things that happen to us, but God knows exactly what he is doing and what he is after, in his handling of our affairs. Always, and in everything, he is wise: we shall see that hereafter, even where we never saw it here. J.I. Packer, *Knowing God**

How do we respond?

First: by taking them _____, and asking ourselves what reactions _____ them, and _____ them the gospel of God requires of us.

Second: by seeking _____ specifically about them.

When you ask "why", remember that God is _____.