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God's wisdom is seen in His creation and providence, but it is especially revealed in His plan of redemption. The ultimate display of God's wisdom is in His goal of redeeming fallen man and the plan He is executing to bring that goal to pass. In fact, Ephesians goes so far as to say that God is displaying His wisdom to heavenly beings through what He is doing in the church (Ephesians 3:10)!

Our Response to God's Wisdom

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God is wise and He freely offers that wisdom to us. James 1:5 tells us that God graciously gives wisdom to all who ask Him! The wisdom books repeatedly tie wisdom back to God, because without God there is no true wisdom. The fear of the Lord – an understanding of who God is and a healthy fear that His Word must be obeyed – is the true basis of all wisdom (Job 28:28; Psalm 110:10; Proverbs 9:10).

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