

God's Infinite Wisdom

- *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" 35 'Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" 36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen. Rom. 11:33-36*
- What great thing God has done could we use to illustrate or elaborate on this wisdom?

God's Creative Genius

- What comes to mind?
- A day of creation?
- Terrain, mountains / rock formations
- Sun, moon, stars
- Plants in each season
- Beautiful sunset
- Aquarium; Zoo; Insect exhibits; Birds
- Anatomy; The elements working together
- The symmetry of Chemistry; Physics & Life
- The collective whole – So vast it can't be grasped or understood.

Which “Mighty/Awesome Act?”

- *I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. 2 Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. 3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. 6 Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness. 7 They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness. Ps 145:1-7*

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- There is something amazing in the largest in a telescope and the tiniest in a microscope
Something awe inspiring everywhere!
- *The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Ps 19:1*
- An Important Consideration: We have to have something to look at to see and comprehend it

Since the Beginning: Material Creation

● *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,*
Rom. 1:18-20

● This is all we can see.

Those Living in Eternity with God

- They see things we can't see.
- What do they use to assess God's vast and inexhaustible wisdom?
- It may surprise you if this is the first time.
- It is something man would overlook and never consider if God had not revealed it to us.

God's Creative Genius: The Church

*to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which **from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God** who created all things through Jesus Christ; **10 to the intent that now** the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church **to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, Eph 3:8-11***

THERE IS A LOT OF INFORMATION HERE!

What Did the Holy Spirit Reveal?

1. Make all see
2. The fellowship of the mystery,
3. From beginning of the ages has been hidden in God
4. to the intent that now
5. The manifold wisdom of God
6. Might be made known by the church
7. to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places
8. according to the eternal purpose
9. He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord

Linked to Angels and Satan

- *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, **nor angels nor principalities nor powers**, nor things present nor things to come, Rom 8:38-39*
- *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but **against principalities, against powers**, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, **against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places** 16 taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench **all the fiery darts of the wicked one**. Eph 6:12*

God's Creative Genius

- Manifold
- *1. much-variegated; marked with a great variety of colors: 2. manifold... manifesting itself in a great variety of forms...* (Thayer, p. 529; 4182).
- Like a Rainbow or Diamond break down light. Can't see full variety without them.

Rainbow reveals the manifold colors of Light



Church - God's Creative Genius

- The church reveals God's manifold Wisdom
- But although the Holy Spirit revealed it to us
- The principalities and powers in heaven see it.
- God planned it in eternity.
- Centerpiece of His eternal purpose.
- To show principalities and powers in heavenly places His manifold Wisdom.
- They see the church in its fullest sense.
- They see in the church things far more complex and amazing than anything in the material creation

God gave Jesus the Plans

- Jesus came to build His church.
- Mt 16:16-18
- He chose and prepared apostles
- He prepared people for three years.
- He suffered and died to purchase the church. Acts 20:28
- He sent the Holy Spirit to completely reveal the plans. Jn 14:26; 16:13-14

Holy Spirit Revealed

- The plans and blueprints of the church are recorded in Scripture.
- When we take those plans and carefully pattern our lives after those plans, God's manifold wisdom shines again.

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- *This is the Reason why*
- *Whoever goes onward and does not abide in the teaching of Christ does not have God. 2Jn 9-11*
- *In vain do they worship teaching as doctrines the commands of men. Mt 15:8-9*
- *If we or an angel of heaven preach any other doctrine let them be accursed. Gal 1:6-9*
- *We must learn not to be beyond what is written. 1Cor 4:6*
- *Not every who calls me Lord Lord will enter the Kingdom but only those who do the will of My Father in heaven. Mt 7:21-24*

Church reveals the manifold Wisdom of God

- Only when the members of that church are doing everything exactly as God has revealed. When we do it His way it reflects His wisdom. When we do it our way it is destroyed!



The Manifold Wisdom of God



We are Stewards of God's Manifold Wisdom!

- *As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1Pet. 4:10-11*

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- *For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. ²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 1Cor. 1:26-31*

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- *29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.
30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God — and righteousness and sanctification and redemption — 31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord ."** 1 Cor 1:26-31