

## GOD KNOWS WHAT IS BEST FOR US

Text: Matthew 6:8

INTRO: The Bible repeatedly assures us of God's all-encompassing knowledge & wisdom--& of His boundless love for all mankind.

### I. GOD LOVES US & KNOWS WHAT IS BEST FOR US.

#### A. He created us in His image, Gen. 1:26-27.

1. He understands our emotions, intellect, etc.
2. He knows our needs, physical & spiritual.
3. He knows our weaknesses & our strengths.

#### B. He sees the future & understands all mysteries.

1 Peter 1:10-11, Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

#### C. He rules the universe & will inevitably bring it to His desired termination.

Dan 2:20-23, Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever & ever, for wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times & the seasons; He removes kings & raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise & knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep & secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, & light dwells with Him. "I thank You & praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom & might, & have now made known to me what we asked of You, for You have made known to us the king's demand."

Dan 4:17, This decision is by the decree of the watchers, & the sentence by the word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, & sets over it the lowest of men.

II. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD, 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

A. Holy men of God recorded the words of God, 2 Pet 1:20-21

B. The Bible is not just God's basic thoughts, but His specific words. READ I CORINTHIANS 2:4, 13

1 Cor 2:4, 13, And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit & of power... These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Matt. 10:19, But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak.

C. God not only revealed His word, but has protected it for all generations. Matt. 24:35.

READ JEREMIAH 36:1-2, 21-23, 27-28.

D. God's word will be the standard by which we will all someday be judged. John 12:48.

ILLUSTRATE: auto owners' manual

III. WE NEED TO STUDY THE BIBLE, 2 Tim. 2:15.

A. We cannot determine God's will by human intuition.

Jer. 10:23; Isa. 55:8-9

B. We can know God's will ONLY by reading & studying the Scriptures. 1 Cor. 2:7-13; Eph. 3:3-4.

ILLUSTRATE: What is in my hand? I am holding something in my hand, but you cannot possibly know what is in my hand unless I reveal it to you. In like manner, we cannot know what is in the mind of God except as He has revealed it to us in His word.

IV. WE NEED TO OBEY THE BIBLE, James 1:22.

A. Remember, God knows what is best for us.

B. Everything He has told us, everything He has asked of us, is for our own good.

Deut. 6:24, The Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day

C. Our words & our deeds will be judged by the standard set forth in the Scriptures. MT 12:37; JN 12:48.

2 Cor. 5:10, For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

D. We cannot go to heaven without obeying the Bible.

2 Thess 1:7-9, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord & from the glory of His power.

ILLUSTRATE: The devil believes the truth, but he will not obey it, James 2:19. Adam knew the truth, he was not deceived, but he did not obey the truth, 1 Tim 2:14.

CONCLUSION: If you have not begun to earnestly study the Scriptures, now is the time to do so. If you have not yet begun to obey the Scriptures, now is the time to get started. God knows what is best for us. He has asked of us only that which is good for us. To obey His word is to secure for yourself that which is best for yourself in both time & eternity. To fail to obey His word is to insure your own final and eternal ruin.