

## SERIES: GOD IS . . .

### God is WISE

Colossians 2:1-3

Romans 11:33

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!

1. **God is wise in giving promises to mere men.**  
Romans 11:1-4

God's wisdom in giving promises and keeping them to mere men shows how He values our lives even though Israel His chosen people, and we the Gentiles, are all sinners.

2. **God is wise in establishing grace versus works from the beginning for a person's salvation.**  
Romans 11:5-6

The election of **grace** was established when God sovereignly chose to call people to freely exercise faith in Christ, versus **self effort**, in order to be saved by His grace. **Ephesians 2:8-9**

Grace is the gift of God proclaimed through the gospel that calls people to humble themselves and trust in Christ as Lord and Savior. **Romans 1:16-18; Romans 4:3-5 Genesis 15:4-6**

Abraham rationalized away the truth of God and instead worked to bring about a son with Hagar, which was not what God promised. Genesis 2:24; Romans 3:21-23

God has sovereignly established that salvation would be by grace through faith. It could not be by a person's self-effort. Galatians 4:23-26

God is wise in providing freedom from salvation insecurity as you put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for forgiveness of sin!

3. **God is wise in hardening Israel for the benefit of the nations.**

Romans 11:7-11

Judicial hardening happens when the Lord uses an already rebellious individual or nation to further His redemptive plans and promises.

*God in His wisdom* now makes Israel jealous as they see the miraculous new birth take place in the hearts of Gentiles. Romans 11:11

*God in His wisdom* hardened Pharaoh's heart to bring about the first Passover. *God in His wisdom* hardened Israel's heart to bring about the ultimate Passover!

4. **God is wise in giving hope to Israel and caution to the Gentile church.**

Romans 11:12-27

Revelation 3:14-19 Colossians 4:16

5. **God is wise in making the gifts and His calling irrevocable.**  
Romans 11:28-32

God in His wisdom chose/elected the nation of Israel, whether obedient or disobedient, to present the Promised One to the world for their salvation, and continues to uphold all His promises to them.

As this illustrates, He will never leave us as Gentiles who have trusted in His Son for eternal life.

**In His wisdom God communicates that we can have hope as fallen, sin-filled people headed to hell because of His patience and unfailing promises. 2 Peter 3:9**