# GOD'S WISDOM: You can count on it!

# There Are Two Kinds of Wisdom:

World's Wisdom
God's Wisdom

God is the Source of all True, Worthwhile Wisdom. Job 12: <sup>13</sup> "To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his.

#### God is the Source of all True, Worthwhile Wisdom.

• God alone is the creator and sustainer of the universe.

Job 37: <sup>14</sup> "Listen to this, Job; stop and consider God's wonders. <sup>15</sup> Do you know how God controls the clouds and makes his lightning flash? <sup>16</sup> Do you know how the clouds hang poised, those wonders of him who is perfect in knowledge?

God is the Source of all True, Worthwhile Wisdom. • God's knowledge & wisdom are infinite. Isaiah 46: <sup>9</sup> I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. <sup>10</sup> I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.

#### God is the Source of all True, Worthwhile Wisdom.

• God uses his wisdom and knowledge to choose the best possible means to produce the best possible results....

#### "I Don't Like His Purposes or His Means!"

I don't like what is happening!
I don't understand what is happening!

• I don't know what to do!`

He will give us enough understanding to do two things:
–Remain faithful in following Him.
–Make the appropriate decision at the right moment.

Isaiah 55: <sup>8</sup> "My thoughts are completely different from yours," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. <sup>9</sup> For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

 Pursuing His wisdom requires us to trust in the goodness of His wisdom.
 Jeremiah 29: <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

God Will Give His Wisdom to all who Pursue it! • Following His wisdom will feel contrary to our natural inclinations and the inclinations of our friends.

• Understanding of God's wisdom is a lifetime intentional pursuit.

Proverbs 2: <sup>1</sup> My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, <sup>2</sup> turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, <sup>3</sup> and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, <sup>4</sup> and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, <sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. <sup>9</sup> Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. <sup>10</sup> For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.