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you.”**

Luke 7:40



*Why are God's ways hidden
from those considered to
be "Wise"?*



I. THE CORRUPT WILL ⁽¹⁾

- “For this they willfully forget”
2 Peter 3: 5
- The atheists’ denial of God’s existence and their will to live with no accountability to His authority.



I. THE CORRUPT WILL (2)

- **An abusive, a pathological liar, or a willful slave to an addiction will blind his/her own eye for God's will for him/her to change.**



I. THE CORRUPT WILL (3)

- **The peoples' request for a council from Jeremiah and God's response "For you were hypocrites in your hearts when you sent me to the LORD your God, saying, 'Pray for us to the LORD our God, and according to all that the LORD your God says, so declare to us and we will do *it*.' And I have this day declared *it* to you, but you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God"**

Jeremiah 42: 21 - 22



II. STUMBLING AT GOD'S SIMPLICITY ⁽¹⁾

- “The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?”

John 6: 52

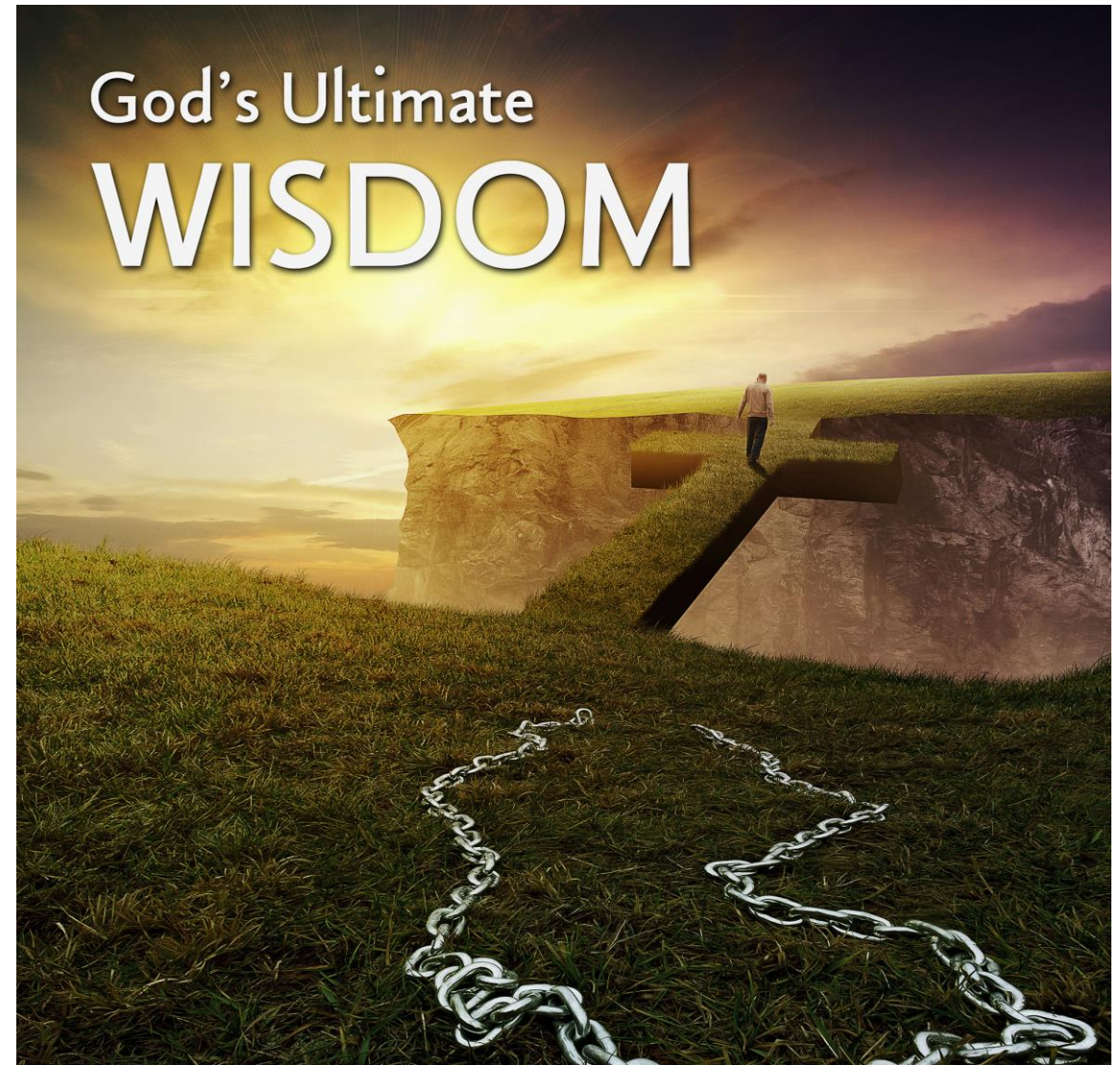
- The stumbling at the Sacraments and the power that God put in them.



II. STUMBLING AT GOD'S SIMPLICITY ⁽²⁾

- “But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, “Indeed, I said to myself, ‘He will surely come out *to me*, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’” **2 Kings 5: 11**
- The stumbling at the Cross “but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness”

1 Cor. 1: 23



III. WISE IN THEIR OWN EYES ⁽¹⁾

- Not willing to learn, admit fault, or accepting correction “They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” *John 9: 34*
- The example of King Saul in disobeying Samuel’s instructions in his war with the Amalekites.



III. WISE IN THEIR OWN EYES ⁽²⁾

- The Angel of the Church of Laodicea
“Because you say, ‘I am rich, have
become wealthy, and have need of
nothing’—and do not know that you
are wretched, miserable, poor,
blind, and naked” *Revelation 3: 17*



III. WISE IN THEIR OWN EYES ⁽³⁾

- They are only able to see the spec in others' eyes not the log in their own.



IV. THE ABANDONMENT OF GRACE

- “For *God* gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who *is* good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting” *Ecclesiastes 2: 26*
- “God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.” *1 Peter 5: 5*
- The stubbornness and anger of Pharoah



V. NOT COMPREHENDING GOD'S LOVE (1)

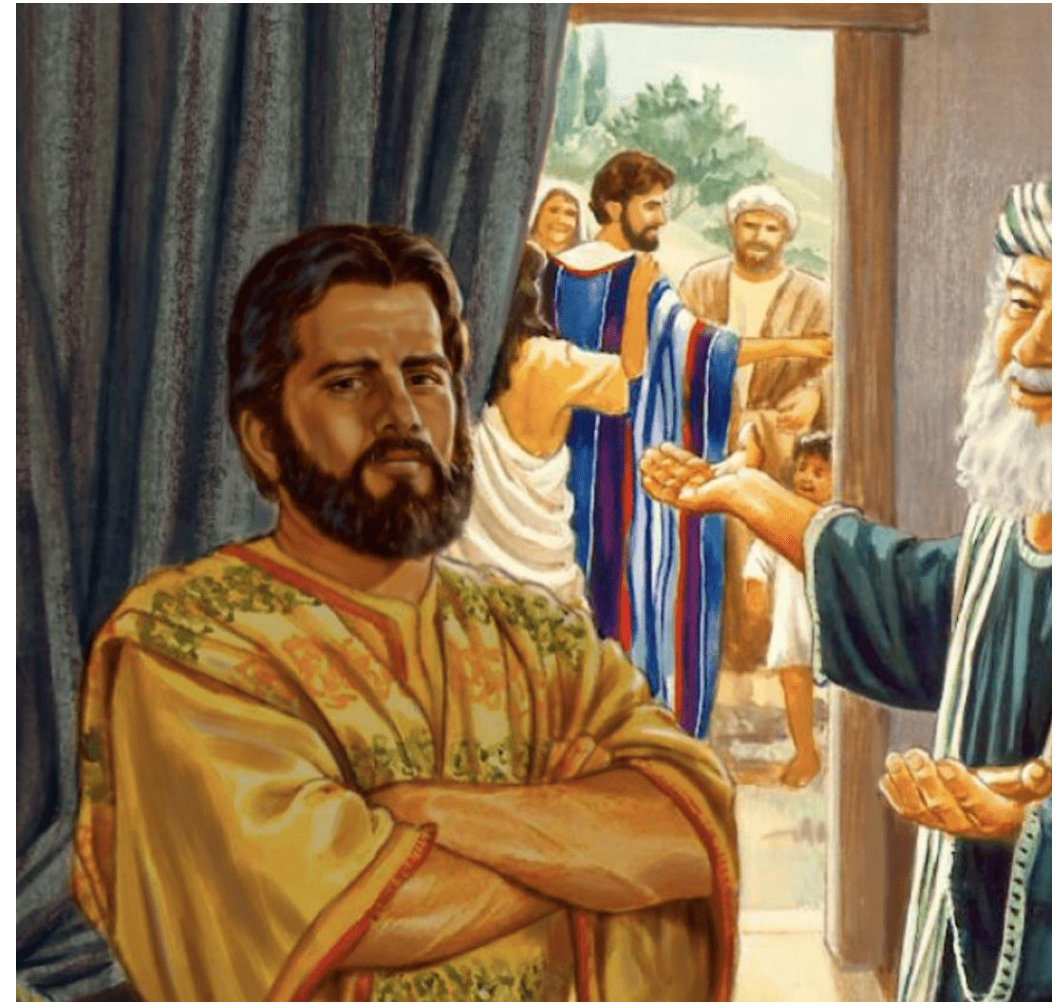
- **Jonah's flee from God's assignment at the beginning "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore, I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You *are* a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm" *Jonah 4: 2***



V. NOT COMPREHENDING GOD'S LOVE (2)

- The older brother offended by his father's love in the story of the Lost Son "But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him."

Luke 15: 30



V. NOT COMPREHENDING GOD'S LOVE ⁽³⁾

- Not recognizing God's will and
His desire to save everyone
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