

# Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts

## Lesson #9 "The Wisdom of God"

- Read Chapter Eight and answer the following questions.

**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) Ultimately the best end of all actions is what?

**Quote:** Wisdom is, "As consisting in the selection of the best end of action, and the adoption of the best means for the accomplishment of this end. God is infinitely wise, because He selects the best possible end of action [and] because He adopts the best possible means for the accomplishment of the end which He has in view." **J.L. Dagg**

- 2) When adversity comes, what sometimes is the reason we ask God "Why"?

**Quote:** But is not the wisdom of God, thus the glory of God more eminently displayed in bringing good out of calamity than out of blessing?" **Jerry Bridges**

- 3) In **Romans 8:28-29**, what is the "Good" of **verse 28**?

- 4) "God \_\_\_\_\_ exactly what He \_\_\_\_\_ we become and He \_\_\_\_\_ exactly what circumstance, both good and \_\_\_\_\_, are necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives"

- 5) When it comes to disciplining us for our good, "There is \_\_\_\_\_ agonizing by God, no \_\_\_\_\_ He has made the \_\_\_\_\_ decision, no \_\_\_\_\_ what is really \_\_\_\_\_ for us. God makes \_\_\_\_\_ mistakes.""

- 6) What is the purpose of God disciplining His children?

7) How do we learn God's will for our character?

8) "Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ we can see some of the beneficial \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives, but we \_\_\_\_\_ can see it \_\_\_\_\_ the time of adversity."

**Quote:** "We may not demand of a Sovereign Creator that He explain Himself to His creatures... God has good and sufficient reasons for His actions; we trust His sovereign wisdom and love." **Margaret Clarkson**

9) What is one of the lessons we should learn from the book of Job?

**Isaiah 55:8-9** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."

10) Why is simply trusting God and cease asking "Why" to adversity not a cop out?

11) Regarding the events around us... "They are \_\_\_\_\_ just an assortment of uncontrolled and unrelated \_\_\_\_\_. Rather, they are all part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ pattern and \_\_\_\_\_, which one day be \_\_\_\_\_ to be both His \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of His church."

12) What four things do we need to learn regarding God's government of His universe?