

Corrupt Wisdom

God is Rational – science (Isaac Newton)

God is Different (Holy)

(Isa 55:8-11) ⁸“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. ¹⁰For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”

context: word working over time

Spiritual Wisdom isn't Natural (can appear irrational)

(1Co 2:13-14) ¹³These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Reasonable Argument is built on Foundational Premises

(Pr 9:10) ¹⁰“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Jesus, Who delighted in the fear of the Lord (Is 11:3), only did what He saw the Father doing (Jn 5:19).

Wisdom = Following God (adopting biblical premises)

(Eze 28:12-17) ¹²... You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³You were in Eden, the garden of God;... ¹⁴You were the anointed cherub who covers;... You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. ¹⁵You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you... ¹⁷Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground

(Isa 14:12-14) ¹²How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! ¹³For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’

Corrupt Wisdom = Questioning God

goal – escape God's authority

cast to earth, weakened nations (Ps 2:2-3)

Garden of Eden: “Did God really say...?” (Gen 3:1)

(Ge 3:6) 6So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate.

Eve lost when she Changed Belief (corrupt wisdom)

contrast Temptation of Jesus (Mt 4:1-11)

We must recognize and reject worldly, corrupt wisdom.

(Ps 50:16-17, 21) 16But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to declare My statutes, or take My covenant in your mouth, 17seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you?...21These things you have done, and I kept silent; you thought that I was altogether like you; but I will rebuke you, and set them in order before your eyes.

You cannot apply human thought processes to God.

Thought they were okay because nothing bad had happened to them yet.

Still invoking God’s covenant.

Example: thinking God is like us

(Gal 5:16) premise – His presence cures sin

human: wait to cool off, earn some favor (ex: boss at work)

biblical: God can’t withhold cure yet expect improvement (Heb 4:15-16)

Example: How can a good God send people to hell?

trap: reject one of two premises

foolish and moot because both are true (multiple verses)

Better Question: Why would a good God send people to hell?

We must be a people of His Word!

Romans 12:2 (Is 55:10-11)