

Fall Quarter 2026

God's Wisdom Versus Man's Wisdom

The Way of the Fool

Sept. 6	Wisdom Calls the Foolish.	<i>Proverbs 1:20-33</i>
Sept. 13	The Folly of Trusting in Riches	<i>Psalms 49:1-20</i>
Sept. 20	Humble Wisdom Instructs Proud Folly.	<i>Proverbs 30:1-14</i>
Sept. 27	There Is a Way that Seems Right.	<i>Proverbs 14:1-19</i>

The Way of the Wise

Oct. 4	Wisdom over Strength.	<i>Ecclesiastes 9:11-18</i>
Oct. 11	Wisdom and Money	<i>Proverbs 22:1-16</i>
Oct. 18	A Soft Answer over Wrath.	<i>Proverbs 15:1-15</i>
Oct. 25	The Wisdom of the Meek	<i>James 3:13-18</i>
Nov. 1	The Wisdom of the Gospel	<i>1 Corinthians 1:18-31</i>

Wisdom's Reward

Nov. 8	Seek for Wisdom as for Silver.	<i>Proverbs 2:1-9</i>
Nov. 15	Enduring Trials in Wisdom	<i>James 1:1-11</i>
Nov. 22	Wisdom Brings Blessing.	<i>Proverbs 3:13-35</i>
Nov. 29	Fruitfulness of Wisdom.	<i>2 Peter 1:1-11</i>

You can fool all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool God. This quarter, we will increase our understanding as we examine God's wisdom versus human wisdom. In our first unit, "The Way of the Fool," we begin with Proverbs 1:20-33 in lesson 1, where we see wisdom personified as a woman crying out loudly to the simple fools surrounding her. She offered her wisdom to those who will listen. Lesson 2 focuses on the fools who ignored wisdom's message and trusted in their riches to save them (Ps. 49:1-20). In their pride, as we learn in lesson 3, they would not listen to wisdom's voice or learn the fear of the Lord, which is where wisdom starts (Prov. 30:1-14). Lesson 4 reinforces that God's way is wise and always the right path (Prov. 14:1-19).

In the second unit, we uncover the way of the wise as we look at verses from Ecclesiastes (9:11-18) and Proverbs (22:1-16) in lessons 5 and 6. We read that wisdom surpasses strength, money, and riches.

The next lesson, from Proverbs 15:1-15, instructs us to use self-control and give a gentle answer to turn away anger. In lesson 8, James challenges believers in Christ to demonstrate wisdom by walking in humility and meekness (Jas. 3:13-18). Others notice wisdom in the life of a person submitted to Christ. In lesson 9, Paul reminds us that the wisdom of the gospel may seem foolish to the unbeliever, but God's "foolishness" is wiser than people's wisdom, and God's "weakness" is stronger than human strength (1 Cor. 1:18-31).

In our final unit, "Wisdom's Reward," lesson 10 encourages us to pursue God because He gives wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to the righteous (Prov. 2:1-9). In lesson 11, James instructs us to joyfully endure trials and view them as opportunities to grow in our faith. If we do not know what to do during such circumstances, we are not to worry. Instead, we are to ask our generous God for the wisdom that can come only from Him (Jas. 1:1-11).

Our next lesson, from Proverbs 3:13-35, provides insight into the happiness and blessing gained when we find wisdom. Wisdom often brings blessing to those who adhere to God's commands.

Our final lesson wraps up the unit on "Wisdom's Reward" with a study of 2 Peter 1:1-11. Peter provides encouragement by reminding us that God's divine power has given us everything we need for this life and for godly behavior. We need not fret about specifics. Everything we need for life on earth and in heaven is ours in Christ.