

The God Who is There

The Edge – Part 4 of 5

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2 Keys to Wisdom

1. The right assumptions about God and his ways
2. A heart willing to trust and obey God

Wisdom flows out of the assumption that God is...

- **Creator**

Romans 1:19–20 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. (ESV)

Implication: There is a reality outside of ourselves and it has patterns that we can discover.

Romans 1:21–23 For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. (ESV)

- **Holy and Sovereign**

Leviticus 11:45 For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.” (ESV)

“Holy”: Pure and zealous for what is right and good.

Ephesians 1:11 In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will. (ESV)

“Sovereign”: God is in control of the universe and all that goes on in it.

Implication: Our morality figures into our success in the world.

- **Close to us**

Jeremiah 23:23–24 “Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? ²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. (ESV)

Implication: Our moral relationship with God will affect our well-being in life.

Deuteronomy 7:9–12 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations, ¹⁰ and repays to their face those who hate Him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates Him. He will repay him to his face. ¹¹ You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today. ¹² “And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the Lord your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. (ESV)

**What is your next step today based on
what God has said to you through this message?**