

Ecclesiastes 8:16-17 – The Limits of Man’s Wisdom

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What are some examples of man’s ability to understand and lay hold of wisdom?

Despite these impressive accomplishments, there is so much to the life that we do not and CANNOT understand. (Job 11:7-9)

The ‘*work of God*’ should be understood as the sum total of all that God has _____, and the _____ behind all of that doing.

Ecclesiastes 8:16-17 points out that:

The limits of our intellect cannot be overcome with any amount of _____ or effort.

No amount of _____ will afford us the opportunity to unravel all of God’s mysteries.

Why is man so *dissatisfied* by the reality that he cannot fully comprehend God and God’s ways?

In light of God’s obvious superiority to man, we need to think differently about _____ itself.

“Clearly revelation was not proposed to indulge _____, but to provide a remedy for man’s blindness and misery.”
- Charles Bridges

What are some of the dangers in thinking of *novelty* as more exciting than *timeless truth*?

We must eventually come to the frustrating ends of our own wisdom. When we really see our limits, we begin to realize that we cannot hope to fully understand the Immortal God, and that knowing Him will only come by _____.

*“Where reason fails
with all her powers,
there faith prevails,
and love adores.”*

“We Give Immortal Praise”
a hymn by Sir Isaac Watts

The limits of man’s understanding is such that we are _____ served by being kept in the dark regarding certain things.

*Instead of giving us endless volumes of information and answers to relatively irrelevant questions, God shines just enough light upon our human condition that is possible for us to see that faithlessness is _____, and that believing what God says to us is quite rational.