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Read I Corinthians 1:25
There is foolishness with God, and there is weakness with God.
“Foolishness” appears 20 times in the Bible
- it appears 5 times as it relates to the “foolishness of God”
“Weakness” appears 8 times in the Bible
- it only appears 2 times as it relates to the “weakness of God”

His foolishness is wiser than man and His weakness is stronger than men.

Read I Corinthians 1:17-31
1:18 the preaching of the cross is foolishness to those that perish
1:21 the foolishness of preaching
1:23 preaching Christ crucified: stumbling block to the Jew, foolishness to the Greek
1:25 the foolishness of God is wiser than man
3:18-20 the wisdom of the world is foolishness with God

The world’s wisdom is foolishness with God
I Corinthians 3:18-21
I Timothy 6:20-21
Colossians 2:8-10

What God says to man concerning wisdom and understanding
Job 28:12-28; read verses 12, 20, 23-28
The fear of the LORD is to hate evil (Proverbs 8:13). To depart from evil is understanding.

The world’s wisdom is foolishness, but fearing the LORD and departing from evil is surely wiser then what man’s wisdom says. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” But is referring to the foolishness of God? The passage in I Corinthians 3:18-21 just tells us that this world’s wisdom is foolishness with God. However it is important to understand this in order to understand what God’s foolishness is.

The foolishness of preaching
I Corinthians 18-21
After that in the wisdom of God: “O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.” Psalm 104:24, “The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.” Proverbs
3:19 (Romans 1:19-25), the world by wisdom knew not God. Did you know the wisdom of God is seen all throughout his creation?

Seeing and studying the marvels of nature should lead us to the blessed Creator. The laws of the earth, the laws of the heavenly bodies, gravity, the rising of the sun, the setting of the sun, the waves of the sea going no further than what God appoints, the four seasons, the complexity and patterns of a snowflake, the complexity of life, the complexity of DNA, the growing of a child in the womb, the bow in the sky as a memorial of God’s covenant with all the earth, should clearly lead us to the worshiping of Jehovah God. David said, the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. And again, When I consider thy heavens, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? The seraphims round about the throne of the Everlasting God cry Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Yet, what does modern science say? Well it all happened by chance. We evolved. All life has come from a common ancestor a few billion years ago. And whatever that was come from a rock. You ask a scientist how the universe was created, he’ll say there was a big bang 15 billion years ago and formed everything today. What caused the big bang? I don’t know. Well what exploded? He’ll say nothing. They actually believe nothing exploded to create the universe we live in.

In the beginning nothing exploded, and matter, time, and space came into existence and for some reason decided that it would become subject to all the laws of the universe that good science has deciphered. Then after billions of years the earth was formed, than a primordial ooze gave rise to the first simple organisms and then eventually to humans who are so smart that they could figure it all out.

You know the fairy tale about kissing a frog and it turns into a prince? Evolutionists believe that! “A frog kissed with time bringeth forth a prince.” This is foolishness, but people believe this based upon the same world, the same universe, the same creation, the same observations that you and I see! This must get the Lord angry!

God sees this foolishness of man’s wisdom and decides that by the foolishness preaching God will save those that believe! The foolishness of God is the aspect of preaching the cross. (Talk about experiences street preaching) They think you’re crazy and brain dead, but the preaching of Christ crucified is wiser than man if you believe it. Why?

It’ll forgive your sin, man’s wisdom cannot do that, you become a new creature, man’s wisdom cannot do that, you now have peace with God, man’s wisdom cannot do that, you have eternal life, man’s wisdom cannot do that. Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby ye must be saved. By him, all that believe are justified from all things, man’s wisdom cannot do that.
Preaching is the foolishness of God, but it’s wiser than man, because it can save a sinner from hell.

*The weakness of God*

I Corinthians 1:25

There is only one other verse that refers to the weakness of God, turn to II Corinthians 13:4. The weakness of God is him crucified (II Timothy 3:16, John 1:1, 14) other verses. How is this stronger than man?

The promised seed in Genesis 3, devil gets Cain to kill the righteous seed. Satan wants to kill the promised seed so God’s plan of salvation could not be accomplished. Talk about Seth through Abraham (in his seed)... Christ is born... Satan gets what he wanted, he kills the Son of God. God’s plan cannot work. But God raised him from the dead!

The weakness of God which was the death of the Son of God defeated death, it defeated the grave, it defeated hell, it defeated the devil, and hath brough immortality to light by the gospel! It has reconciled all things back unto himself. Sin has been paid for by the blood of the lamb, all power in heaven and in earth has been given unto him, he can now be just and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus. O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory? God said in Hosea, I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction. How O Lord? By my death! I will yield up the ghost. I will be the Saviour, the God of the whole earth shall I be called, I will seek and save that which was lost.

I have not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither have I hid my face from him: but when you cried unto me I heard! I have heard thy crying, I have seen thy tears, I will come in the flesh, I will lay down my life, I will shed my blood for thy soul! In my death shall death die, and in my death thou shalt live! What a God!

Did you know it only took the weakness of God to reconcile all things back unto himself, not his strength or might, it only took God’s weakness.

“Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”

God’s foolishness saves the soul, forgives all his sin, makes him a child of God by being born again by the incorruptible seed of the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever; and gives him the promise of the Holy Ghost who will never leave him nor forsake him, and gives him eternal life, and a dwelling place in the presence of the Almighty God: the way it was meant to be, the way it was suppose to be.

And God’s weakness, the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, made all that possible. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. He is Jehovah God, The Everlasting God our Refuge, The Almighty, Which is, which was, and which is to come.
Praise ye his holy name. Amen.