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What does the Bible say about human knowledge?

- Everything we know that's true is from God.
- We know nothing unless God has revealed it.
- We know nothing God has revealed unless His Spirit grants us illumination.
- We will never know everything God knows.

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When are we tempted to give God advice?

1. When we're suffering (Job 10:1-7)
2. When those we love die (John 11:3, 6, 21)
3. When God's ways or paths are different than our expectations (Jonah 4:1-3; Matt. 16:21-23; John 13:8)
4. When we feel discouraged and defeated (1 Kings 19:4, 10)
5. When we have — or believe we have — been treated unjustly (Is. 40:27; Matt. 19:27-29; 20:11-12, 15)
6. When our circumstances are not what we want (Job 42:3).

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3. God's grace is too deep to earn His favor (35).

What have we received from God without any merit?

- Everyone: Common grace & provision for this life
 - Ps. 145:16; Acts 14:17; 17:25; Rom. 2:4; 1 Tim. 4:4; 6:17
- Believers: Salvation
 - Rom. 3:23-24; 6:23; 10:12

Our Response

To the Inexhaustible Attributes of God...

1. Exclamation – “*Oh!*” (33a)
2. Meditation – 33-36 is a poem in Greek
3. Adoration – 33-36 is in response to 11 chapters of theology

To the Unfathomable Decisions & Ways of God...

4. Submission – accept God’s right to make these decisions.

To the Biblical Evidence...

5. Humility – you will never know all God knows.
6. Trust – God doesn’t need your counsel.
7. Gratitude – every good thing is a gift of God’s grace.