Let’s Not Be Wise in Our Own Sight

### Discovering the Righteousness of God—A study in the book of Romans

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## Romans 11:25-32 (ESV)

**1 Samuel 16:6-7 (ESV)**

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

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“and this will be my covenant with them
    when I take away their sins.”

As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

## The right intel should result in greater:

1. **Wisdom**: For no one is sovereign but God. (V 25-27)

~Everything we see is not all there is to know.

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1. **Humility**: For no one has integrity like God (v 28-29)

**~**God keeps His word no matter what it costs Him.

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1. **Gratefulness**: For no one has generosity like God. (v 30-32)

~God has met our greatest need (forgiveness) at His greatest cost

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**1 Peter 1:14-21a (NIV)**

“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your con-duct, since it is written: ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’ And if you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct your-selves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God.”