James 3:13-18
"Wisdom from Above"

Outline

1. What Wisdom Shows. (v. 13)

James 3:13 – *"Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom."*

- Who is the really wise guy?
- True & false religion.

2. Worldly Wisdom Defined. (v. 14-16)

James 3:14-16 – *"But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing."*

- Pride's three wicked stepchildren.
- Social view / Spiritual view.

3. Wisdom from Above. (v. 17)

James 3:17 – *"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy."*

- pure
- peaceable
- gentle
- reasonable
- full of mercy & good fruits
- unwavering
- without hypocrisy

4. Wisdom's Harvest. (v. 18)

James 3:18 – *"And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."*

- Reaping the harvest.

Notes