



MZBMP

Title: Pure Wisdom (part 3) – The Demonstration of Pure Wisdom (3:17-18)

Text: James 3:17-18

“17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.”

Pagsasalin: 17 Ngunit ang karunungan buhat sa itaas, una'y malinis, saka mapagpayapa, banayad, mapagbigay, puspos ng kaawaan at ng mabubuting bunga, walang pagtatangi, walang pagkukunwari. 18 At ang bunga ng katuwiran ay itinatanim sa kapayapaan ng mga gumagawa ng kapayapaan.

Introduction:

1. Last week we saw that false or bad wisdom comes not from above, but it is earthly, sensual, and devilish.
2. Today, we shall examine the demonstration of pure wisdom. Eight points of wisdom.

I. The Constant Supply of Godly or Pure Wisdom: (v.17)

- A. “From above” – compare to 1:17; and contrast to 3:15.
- B. The Lord is the giver of wisdom – Pro. 2:6; Pro. 8:22-31.
- C. Where did Solomon get his wisdom from? God Himself (2 Chr. 1:7-12).
- D. Those who desire wisdom from God must ask and seek God for it (1:5).

II. The Characteristics of Godly or Pure Wisdom: Similar to other N.T. listings of virtues (love, 1 Cor. 13:4-7; fruit of the Spirit, Gal. 5:22-23); mind/thoughts, Phil. 4:8; add to your faith, 2 Pet. 1:5-7).

- A. Pure – holy, chaste, uncontaminated with pride, envy, strife.
- B. Peaceable – peace bringing. This is significant because of the context of the respect of persons.
- C. Gentle – kind, courteous, yielding, considerate, reasonable, and generous.
- D. Easy to be intreated – easily obeyed, compliant, not always going by the strict letter of the law.
- E. Full of mercy – pity, compassion, active concern not just feeling sorry. This is how God deals with us – he deals with us in mercy.
- F. Full of good fruits – good results, practical acts of kindness (again, not just good feelings).
- G. Without partiality – without wavering, or uncertainty – a sure thing. No respect of persons.
- H. Without hypocrisy – undisguised, sincere, no pretense, genuine. (same as love, Rom. 12:9; 1 Pet. 1:22).

III. The Crop of Godly or Pure Wisdom:

- A. The Fruit of Righteousness – results into this naturally.
- B. Sown in Peace – state of tranquility. James asserts that godly wisdom is sowing in peace and that sowing in peace results in righteousness.
- C. By them that make peace (or by the peacemakers) – the making or bringing of tranquility.

Conclusion:

1. The harvest of godly or pure wisdom is contrasted to false wisdom.
2. The soil of man's heart cannot yield righteousness when it is loaded with bitterness, envyings, strife, confusion, and evil works. It needs godly wisdom, sown in peace, to produce righteousness.
3. While the focus of Pastor James is to the pastors – any church member can be instrumental in bringing unity into the body of Christ.
4. The unsaved world needs Christians who are peacemakers – using godly wisdom to sow the Gospel, and to reap a harvest of souls – bringing together – reconciling a thrice holy God with sinful man, through the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. This is the proper use of the tongue couple with godly wisdom.