

Seeing Wisdom

James 3:9-18

A. The Wisdom Which Sees People Like God Sees (3:9-12)

1. The example of _____ use of the tongue (v9-10)
 - “we bless (*eulogeō*) our God and Father” = to speak well of, to praise
 - “we curse (*kataraōmai*) men” = to call down curses upon
2. The illustrations from consistency in _____ (v11-12)
3. God’s wisdom teaches His children to see all people as _____ in the image of God, and to treasure all people accordingly. (v10b)
 - The value of human life in Scripture:
 - *Human life created valuable*: Genesis 1:27-29, 5:1-3, 9:1-7; James 3:10
 - *Each individual life is valued*: Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 33:13-15, 139:13-18
 - *Loved and purchased by Christ*: John 3:16, 15:13; Romans 5:6-8

B. The Wisdom Which Can Be Seen (3:13)

- Application –
 - Don’t tell _____ you are wise. (James 1:22, 26)
 - Don’t be _____ by others who claim to be wise. (James 2:14-26)
- “wisdom” (*sophia*) = skill, intelligence, wisdom
- “meekness” (*prautēs*) = gentleness, strength under control

C. The Wisdom Which Comes From Above (3:14-18)

1. The fruits of _____ wisdom are seen in envy, self-seeking. (v14, 16)

2. The source of counterfeit wisdom come from the believer's three _____. (v15)
 - "earthly"
 - "sensual"
 - "demonic"

3. The source of true wisdom is _____.(v17a)

4. The fruits of true wisdom are seen in _____ and that which flows from purity. (v17b-18)
 - "pure"

 - "peaceable"

 - "gentle"

 - "willing to yield"

 - "full of mercy and good fruits"

 - "without partiality"

 - "without hypocrisy"

5. A truly wise child of God lives peacefully, keeping "unspotted from the world" (1:27), resulting in the practical fruit of _____.