

## Choosing God's Wisdom Over Man's Wisdom #3

James 3.13–18

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### **Persuasion:**

#### I. God's Wisdom Before Our Enemies

##### A. Enemy Attacks

###### 1. Man's wisdom

- a) Self-defense
- b) Pro 18.17

###### 2. God's wisdom

- a) Self-examination
- b) 1Co 11.31–32
- c) 2Co 13.5

##### B. Enemy Retaliates

###### 1. Man's wisdom

- a) Retaliate in response
- b) Rom 12.19

###### 2. God's wisdom

- a) Restore him to God
- b) Gal 6.1–2

##### C. Enemy Prospers

###### 1. Man's wisdom

- a) Envy and confusion
- b) Psa 73.1–16

###### 2. God's wisdom

- a) Trust God
- b) Psa 73.17–28

#### D. Enemy Stumbles

- 1. Man's wisdom
  - a) Rejoice
  - b) Pro 24.17
- 2. God's wisdom
  - a) Meet his needs
  - b) Rom 12.20–21 from Pro 25.21–22

#### E. Enemy Convicted

- 1. Man's wisdom
  - a) Cover my problems
  - b) Job 31.33
  - c) Psa 32.5
- 2. God's wisdom
  - a) Be honest
  - b) Seek God's correction
  - c) Psa 139.23–24

### II. God's Wisdom Promotes Maturity

#### A. Knowing Scripture is the key

- 1. Exo 15.26
- 2. Deu 4.5–6
- 3. Psa 19.7–19
- 4. John 17.17
- 5. 2Ti 3.14–17

#### B. See what Scripture does:

1. It is profitable for doctrine
  - a) Instructions for living
2. It is profitable for reproof
  - a) Stopping us from danger
3. It is profitable for correction
  - a) Headed for danger, but not there yet
4. It is profitable for instruction in righteousness
  - a) Why do we need instruction in righteousness?

### III. God's Wisdom Defines Maturity

#### A. Accountable for thoughts

1. 2Co 10.4–5

#### B. Accountable for words

1. Matthew 12.36

#### C. Accountable for actions

1. 2Co 5.10

#### D. Accountable for motives

1. Heb 4.12
2. Jer 17.10

### **Exhortation:**

- I. Give your life to Jesus.
  - A. He created you.
  - B. He knows how your life should run.
- II. Do you believe Jesus is Lord?
  - A. Do you know what that means?
  - B. Do you know what it entails?