

## Faith for Wisdom in the Trials of Life

James 1:5-11

*With bold belief in the good character of God, ask for wisdom.*

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of wisdom for trials in life (5a)
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of wisdom from God above (5b)
  - A. Wisdom from God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Wisdom from God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Wisdom from God's \_\_\_\_\_
- III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of wisdom without reproach (5c)
- IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of wisdom for the doubter (6-8)
- V. The \_\_\_\_\_ of wisdom in our circumstances (9-11)
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the poor (9)
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the rich (10-11)

My grandparents were ignorant people by our standards, and my grandfather held only lowly jobs. But their home was spiritually rich because all the things done in it, not only what was specifically ritual, found their origin in the Bible's commandments, and their explanation in the Bible's stories and the commentaries on them, and had their imaginative counterparts in the deeds of the myriad of exemplary heroes. My grandparents found reasons for the existence of their family and the fulfillment of their duties in serious writings, and they interpreted their special sufferings with respect to a great and ennobling past . . . I do not believe that my generation, my cousins who have been educated in the American way, all of whom are M.D.s or Ph.D.s, have any comparable learning. When they talk about heaven and earth, the relations between men and women, parents and children, the human condition, I hear nothing but cliches, superficialities, the material of satire.

- Allan Bloom