

James 1:5-8
4 July 2021
Oswego RP Church
“Ask for Wisdom”

I. You need wisdom (1:5a).

- A. What is wisdom? (Pro. 1:1-7)
- B. Trials expose your lack of control (Lk. 21:25-28; 22:39-54a; Acts 8:1-3).
- C. Trials expose your lack of wisdom (Lk. 21:34-36; Dan. 2-3).

II. Ask God for wisdom (1:5b).

- A. “The giving God”
- B. “Who gives generously to all” (Mt. 6:25ff; Ps. 104-105).
- C. “Who does not reproach”
- D. Ask him

III. Ask with faith (1:6a).

- A. “It will be given him”
- B. Faith is not blind.
- C. Your eyes don’t see all.

IV. Don’t dispute (6b-8)

- A. Doubting vs. disputing. (Gn. 4:1-7; Lk. 17:32; Eph. 3:20-21)
- B. “Like a wave of the sea” (Mt. 27:3-4; Jude 10-13)
- C. Don’t think you will get anything from God. (Acts 1:18-19; Is. 50:10-11)
- D. A double-minded man. (Eph. 4:11-15)