

"Wisdom From Above"  
Sermon Outline for August 24, 2008

Introduction

I. James Introduction

A. Author - Mat. 13:55; John 7:5; Acts 1:14; Gal. 1:19; Acts 15:13; 21:18

B. Recipients - Acts 2:5-10; 11:19; John 7:35

C. James' Methodology

1. References to Nature - Examples

- a. James 1:16 waves of the sea
- b. James 3:3 horses
- c. James 5:7 Farmer & Crop

2. Use of Root & Fruit-Examples: (see also Supplemental Handout)

	ROOT	FRUIT
a. James 1:15	sin	death
b. James 3:2	controlled tongue	maturity, controlled body
c. James 4:7	submission to God, resist Devil	Devil flees
d. James 4:10	humble self before God	God will lift up

II. James 3:13-18 Exposition

A. Verse 13

- 1. Starts with Question
- 2. Moves to Proof
- 3. Type of Proof
- 4. Quality of Conduct

B. Verse 14

1. Envy

a. OT e.g.

- 1. Philistines & Isaac, Gen. 26:12-16
- 2. Joseph & Brothers, Gen. 37
- 3. Korah, Dathan, Abiram, Num. 16:1-40

b. NT e.g.

- 1. Religious Leaders Toward Jesus, Matt. 27:17-18
- 2. Religious Leaders Toward Apostles, Acts 5:17-18; 13:45
- 3. New Testament Character Lists, 1 Cor. 3:1-4; 2 Cor. 12:20; Gal. 5:19-21

2. Bitter

3. Self-seeking

a. Pauline Lists

1. 2 Cor. 12:20

2. Gal. 5:19-20

b. Pauline e.g.

1. Rom. 2:6-11

2. Phil. 2:3

C. Verse 15

1. Earthly

2. Sensual

3. Demonic

D. Verse 16

1. Envy

2. Self-seeking

3. Confusion

4. Every Evil Thing

E. Verse 17

1. Pure

2. Peaceable

3. Gentle

4. Willing to Yield

5. Full of Mercy and Good Fruits

6. Without Partiality

7. Without Hypocrisy

F. Verse 18 Sowing & Reaping

III. Application

A. James's Orientation

B. God's Prioritization, Matt. 22:37-40

C. Our Occupation

1. Think About

a. What Christ Has Done for You, Col. 3:12, 13; Eph. 4:32-5:2

b. We don't Pick Our Family, 1 Cor. 12: 18, 21

2. Don't

3. Do

SUPPLEMENTAL HANDOUT - James Methodology

PASSAGE	ROOT/SOURCE	FRUIT/RESULT
	(#1-9 positive examples, #10-19 negative examples)	
1. 1:3	tested faith	patience
2. 1:4	patience	perfect, complete, lacking nothing
3. 1:21	meekly received word	salvation of soul
4. 1:25	[doer of word]	blessed
5. 2:23	belief	accounted righteous; friend of God
6. 3:2	controlled tongue	maturity, controlled body
7. 4:7	submit to God; resist devil	devil flees
8. 4:8	draw near to God	God draws near to us
9. 4:10	humble self before God	God will lift up
10. 1:6-8	doubt	no assurance of answer, instability
11. 1:15	sin	death [v. 14 also w/its own line]
12. 1:20	wrath of man	no righteousness of God
13. 1:23-24	only hear word	lack of self-awareness
14. 1:26	non-controlled tongue	useless religion
15. 2:1-4	faith w/partiality	partiality in Church hospitality, evil thoughts
16. 2:1-6	(partiality)	poor man dishonored
17. 4:1	desires for pleasures	conflicts
18. 4:4	desiring friendship w/world	enemy w/ God
19. 5:1-6	defrauding laborers (v. 4)	riches - transient (v. 2, 3)