



Sermon Notes

Date: 19th February 2017

Subject: Series on James

Sermon outline:

James 1:5-8 is very simple - if you want wisdom ask God for it. But what is Wisdom? Or, better, what is the Bible understanding of Wisdom? Also, 'ask' is better translated: 'keep on asking'.

Key Bible passages:

James 1.5-8 & Proverbs 2.1-10. Also Genesis 3.6; 1 Kings 3.5-14; Proverbs 3.13-20, 9.1-10; Matthew 7.7; Luke 21.12-15; Romans 12.1-2; Ephesians 3.10.

Discussion starters:

Read 1 Kings 3.5-14; Matthew 7.7; James 1 5-8. Does God want us to ask before he gives gifts to us?

Read Genesis 3.6; Proverbs 9.1-10. Can there be bad results of desiring wisdom as well as good ones? What makes the difference?

Read Ephesians 3.10; Luke 21.12-14. Why does God give us wisdom?

Do you expect to be able to "be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will"? What might have to happen to you first? [Clue: the Bible verse (listed above) begins "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters..."]

[Note 'wisdom' comes up again at James 3.13, 15, & 17, coming later!]

Prayer pointers:

Ask for 'Wisdom'?

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