

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY MAY 2ND – 10:15AM

Wisdom from Above - Wisdom for Life ***Introducing the book of James***

Welcome & Call to Worship: [Pastor Bernie]

- Today we begin a Journey though the book of James
- As look at an overview of the book of James and consider what God has for us through His Word in this book we remember:
 - **Wisdom from Above** – Where wisdom comes from
 - **Wisdom for Life** – How we relate to wisdom

WISDOM FROM ABOVE

Wisdom is sourced in the character of God. [Pastor Bernie]

James 1:17-18

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Congregational Song: All Praise to Him

All praise to Him, the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might
All praise to Him Who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar
All praise to Him Who reigns in love
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him whose love is seen
In Christ the Son, the Servant King
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own
All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame
Who lived to die, Who died to rise
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of joy and holiness
To Father, Son, and Spirit now

Our souls we lift, our wills we bow
To You, the triune God, we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise

Wisdom is found in the person of Christ

Colossians 2:2-3

² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Congregational Song: The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness hides His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

WISDOM FOR LIFE

Congregational Song: Yet Not I But Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Scripture's Testimony of the Value of Wisdom – Proverbs 3:13-18 [Pastor Joel]

- ¹³ Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,
and the one who gets understanding,
¹⁴ for the gain from her is better than gain from silver
and her profit better than gold.
¹⁵ She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.
¹⁷ Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.*

*¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called blessed.*

Pastoral Petition for wisdom while we navigate the book of James [Pastor Joel]

Congregational Petition through Song: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Children 3-K5 Dismissed

Message: Introduction to James [Pastor Steve]

Congregational Response to Message: Jesus Paid it All

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,*

He washed it white as snow.

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,”
My lips shall still repeat.

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Closing Announcements:

Tonight at 6:00pm – Preaching Emphasis. Tom Simshauser will be preaching.

Next Sunday, May 9th

- 9:00am - Sunday School
- 10:15am - Worship service - Emphasis on thanking God for mothers.

SFCS Teacher Appreciation week – this upcoming week

Music Meeting May 16th after the Sunday morning service

May 16th - Baccalaureate at FBC. If you or someone you know within our midst is graduating, please let us know.

Closing Prayer: