

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH – 10:15AM

Wisdom from Above

Welcome: [Pastor Bernie]

- Today we return James chapter 3 on “Wisdom from Above” Part 2 – Two weeks ago we covered verses 13-16 on “wisdom from below.” Today we look at verses 17-18 and we’ll flesh out what God’s wisdom should produce in our relationships.

James 3:13-18 - ¹³ *Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.* ¹⁴ *But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.* ¹⁵ *This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.* ¹⁶ *For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.* ¹⁷ *But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.* ¹⁸ *And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

- Missions spotlight today.
- Today in our worship together, we will praise the source of wisdom and pray for the application of wisdom in our lives.

PRAISE THE SOURCE OF WISDOM

Jeremiah 10:12 [Pastor Joel]

*It is He who made the earth by His power,
Who established the world by His wisdom;
And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens.*

I Timothy 1:17 [Pastor Joel]

¹⁷ *To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Congregational Song: Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.
Thy wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free,
Eternal Thy goodness for naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure God of all light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

I Corinthians 1:22-25

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Congregational Song: Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

The Gospel in Bangladesh – [Jason Scheps]

Video for Thanksgiving Offering Project – Jake Delich [Pastor Steve]

PRAY FOR THE REALIZATION OF WISDOM

Congregational 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 man's 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

Solo: The Perfect Wisdom of our God [*Joel & Megan Albright*]

The perfect wisdom of our God,
Revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand,
And held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas,
The secrets of the stars are His;
He guides the planets on their way,
And turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways,
That mark the path of righteousness;
His word a lamp unto my feet,
His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And oh, the mystery of the cross,
That God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise,
And all the glory might go to Christ!

Oh grant me wisdom from above,
To pray for peace and cling to love,
And teach me humbly to receive
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place
Within this tapestry of grace;
So through the trials I choose to say
Your perfect will in your perfect way

Children 3yr through 6th Grade dismissed

Message: Wisdom from Above [*Pastor Steve*]

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Congregational Response: May the Mind of Christ my Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power.

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

May His beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only Him.

Closing Announcements: *[Pastor Bernie]*

Schedule Today

- 4:50 PM – Choir practice in the auditorium.
- 6:00 PM – Missions Emphasis – Jason Scheps and family will be with us tonight sharing more with us about the Gospel in Bangladesh.

Junior Church teaching opportunities - For December and months in 2022. Sign-up sheet is in the back.