"James #9"

James 3: 13 - 18 (Wisdom from Above verses Demonic Wisdom)

Review: James 3:1 (ESV)

V1… Another translation: ***"Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly."***

2 Corinthians 5: 20 (ESV) ***"We are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us."***

- **Comes in the form of Testimony, Teaching and Fellowship… (Sharing)**

2 Timothy 4:3 - 4(ESV) Read

- **People are always looking for teachings to fit their beliefs or agendas.**
- **V5** ***"As for you, always be sober minded, endure suffering, do the work of evangelist, fulfill your ministry."***

James 3: 2, 6, 8-10 (ESV) Read

- **The tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness, full of deadly poison a restless evil!!**
- **No human can tame…**
- **With it we bless God and with it we curse people who are created in the image of God.**

CS Lewis: Mere Christianity ***"You have never met a person that was not created in the image of God."***

Tonight's Study: James 3:13 – 16 (ESV)

V13 (NKJV) ***"Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom."***

V14 (ESV)… If you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts… (NKJV) Bitter envy and self-seeking.

- **V15… (KJV)** ***"This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish."***

- **Reservation story: Johnny Guerro… turmoil and confusion in his house… (Joanie)**
- **Especially V16 (KJV)** ***"Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."***

In Uganda, I was sharing this with my Pastor… unknown to me he was having the same problem, turmoil and confusion in his home… it was coming from his youngest daughter.

Text: James 3:17 (ESV) Read

- **Wisdom from above… 1st is pure, then peaceable, gentle…**
- **Open to reason… (NKJV) Willing to yield…**
- **Full of mercy and good fruits…**
- **Impartial and sincere (NKJV) Without partiality and without hypocrisy…**

Philippians 2: 8 – 9 (ESV) ***"Being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name."***

(Christ's glory is not found in His exertion of power over His creatures, but in dying in the place of sinners.)

Text: James 3:18 (ESV) Read

Another translation: ***"Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness."***

Hosea 10:12 (ESV) ***"Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; breakup up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, that He may come and rain righteousness upon you."***

- **Reap steadfast love… (NKJV) Reap in mercy…**