

WISDOM FROM ABOVE

JAMES 3:10

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

JAMES 3:11

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

JAMES 3:12

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

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"Wise" (Sophos, sophias) describes one with moral insight and skill in the practical issues of life.

The Greek word was used for a horse that had been broken so that his power was under control. The meek person seeks only the glory of God and does not cater to the praises of men.

Meekness is the right use of power, and wisdom is the right use of knowledge. They go together. The truly wise person will show in his daily life (conversation means "behavior") that he is a child of God. Attitude and action go together.

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Strife, This word means "party spirit." It was used by the Greeks to describe a politician out canvassing for votes.

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16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

Confusion sets the stage for "every evil work". Evil here means "worthless, of no account." A ministry operating in the wisdom of this world may appear to be great and successful, but in the day of judgment it will burn up.

JAMES 3:17

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

The Greek word translated hypocrite in our New Testament means "one who wears a mask, an actor." When man's wisdom is at work, there may be insincerity and pretense.

JAMES 3:18

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace **of them that make peace.**

ROMANS 5:1

1 ¶ Therefore being justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

EPHESIANS 2:13

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

EPHESIANS 2:14

14 ¶ For **he is our peace**, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

BETWEEN THE JEW AND GENTILE

EPHESIANS 2:15

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, **so making peace;**

EPHESIANS 2:16

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

EPHESIANS 2:17

17 And came and **preached peace** to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

COLOSSIANS 1:19

19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

COLOSSIANS 1:20

20 **And, having made peace through the blood of his cross**, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:9

9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

JAMES 4:1

1 ¶ From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

JAMES 4:2

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

ISAIAH 14:12

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

ISAIAH 14:13

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt **my throne** above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

ISAIAH 14:14

14 **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the most High.

EZEKIEL 28:2

2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because **thine heart is lifted up**, and thou hast said,

I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart **as the heart of God**:

EZEKIEL 28:3

3 Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

EZEKIEL 28:4

4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

EZEKIEL 28:5

5 By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:

EZEKIEL 28:6

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart **as the heart of God**;

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EZEKIEL 28:17

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee **before kings**, that they may behold thee.

EZEKIEL 28:18

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

EZEKIEL 28:19

19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and **never shalt thou be any more.**