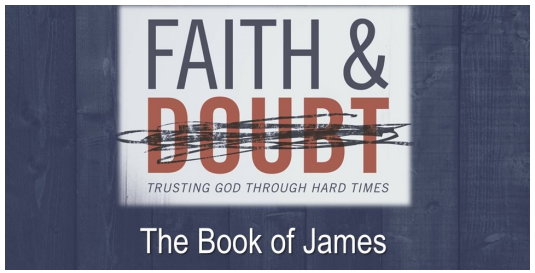

"Two Kinds of Wisdom"

James 3:13-18

Week of June 21, 2020

I. The Evidence of Godly Wisdom
What is the key for godly wisdom according to Proverbs 9:10?

How do you define "wisdom"? How do you define "understanding"?

How does having a Godly wisdom and understanding apply to the good and the bad things we experience in life? What does Romans 8:28 tell us?

What does James 3:13 tell us shows Godly wisdom?

James 3:13 speaks about humility. Why is humility seen as negative?

What is the meaning of "Godly humility" in James 3:13?

II. The Evidence of Un-Godly Wisdom
How is "un-Godly wisdom" described in James 3:14-16?

How do you define "envy" in James 3:14?

What does it mean when the word "bitter" is added to the word envy?

What is *bitter envy* coupled with?

What is the result of *bitter envy* and *selfish ambition* in James 3:16?

How would describe "disorder and evil practice" in your own words? What would you see as examples of this?

How does James 3:15 describe un-Godly wisdom?

How does earthly and unspiritual wisdom become something that people boast about? How does this deny the truth?

III. Characteristics of Godly Wisdom
Read James 3:17-18. When James lists the characteristics of Godly wisdom, where does James start? Why is this important?

What is the second characteristic mentioned? How is the peace that we find in God through Jesus more than just the absence of conflict?

What does James 3:18 add to this when it comes to peace?

The next two characteristics can be seen together. Describe what it means when someone is called "considerate"?

How is being submissive a good thing?

What does being considerate and being submissive have to do with each other?

What does James 3:17 say that Godly wisdom is full of? How is mercy and good fruit connected?

What are the last two characteristics mentioned? What have we learned in James 2 about favouritism and impartiality?

"Sincere" means *without hypocrisy*. Why is this a key element of Godly wisdom?