

## Sunday, May 10 At Home Church

**A time to be thankful** – in the midst of a bizarre time, let's not forget to be thankful. Take a few minutes to share what you're thankful for right now.

What is one takeaway from Pastor Dave's message today?

A few background questions to help us in our understanding of James.

- Who wrote James? (James)
- Who did he write it to? (The church – all believers, the new Israel)

Read James 3 and as you read it, think of one word that sticks out to you.

What word stuck out to you as you read James 3?

Now let's dive a little deeper into our chapter. I will share a few things and questions that stuck out to me from James 3 but please don't get stuck on just these questions. If other thoughts and questions stick out to you, discuss those as well. The goal is simply for us to learn from God's Word this morning and grow together, even while apart.

- Vs. 3-12 talk about the power of the tongue.
  - 3-5 talks about how the tongue can steer the whole person. What do you think that means and how do you see that play out?
  - Look up these other verses and what do they tell us about the power of our words:
    - Proverbs 16:24
    - Proverbs 18:21
    - Proverbs 21:23
    - Psalm 19:14
    - Psalm 141:3
    - Ephesians 4:29
    - Colossians 4:6
    - Titus 3:1-2
    - John 13:35

- 9-10 for me is a hit me square in the face as we can so easily praise God one moment and two seconds later tear down someone else. How should the belief that all our made in God's image affect how we treat others and speak of others?
- Who is someone who speaks life into you?
- Vs 13-18 compares two kinds of wisdom
  - From this passage and also other Biblical principles, how does earthly wisdom and heavenly wisdom differ?
  - We live in a world of such tension and God calls us to be peacemakers. What are practical ways that we can be peacemakers in our world today?
- What other things, verses, words are you thinking about from James 3 other than what has already been discussed?
- Close your time in prayer
- CHALLENGE: Text or call at least 2 people (go for as many you want) this afternoon sometime and share with them one thing that you learned from James 2 today. If you have social media, consider putting what you learned on there, as well.

# **"Are You People-Wise?"**

James 3:13-18, NIV84; 5-10-20

DIFFICULT RELATIONSHIPS CAN SOUR OUR ENJOYMENT OF LIFE

See Proverbs 15:17, Proverbs 17:1

## **REAL WISDOM FOR REFRESHING RELATIONSHIPS**

### SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WISE:

*"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."*

James 3:17

### **1. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T COMPROMISE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure." (v.17)*

*"The man of integrity walks securely." Prov. 10:9*

*What did Dr. Leonarde Keeler invent?*

See 1 John 1:7

### **2. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T ANTAGONIZE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Wisdom is ... peace loving." (v.17)*

See Proverbs 20:3

*"A wise man controls his temper. He knows that anger causes mistakes." (Proverbs 14:29, LB)*

### 2 THINGS THAT QUICKLY CAUSE ARGUMENTS:

A. CONDEMNING CONVERSATION.

B. QUICK CONTRADICTIONS.

### **3. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T MINIMIZE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Wisdom is ... considerate." (v.17)*

*"The wisdom from above is gentle at all times." (James 1:17, NLT)*

Have you ever played, "My Day Can Beat Your Day"?

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." James 1:5*

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun of golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*Chorus*

*O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:  
(repeat chorus)

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, Praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
(repeat chorus)

## *Not To Us*

The cross before me the world behind  
No turning back, raise the banner high  
It's not for me, it's all for You

Let the heavens shake and split the sky  
Let the people clap their hands and cry  
It's not for us, it's all for You

*[Chorus:]*

*Not to us, but to Your Name be the glory  
Not to us, but to Your Name be the glory*

Our hearts unfold before Your throne  
The only place for those who know  
It's not for us, It's all for You

Send Your holy fire on this offering  
Let our worship burn for the world to see  
It's not for us, It's all for You

*[Chorus]*

The earth is shaking, the mountains shouting  
It's all for You  
The waves are crashing, the sun is raging  
It's all for You  
The universe spinning and singing  
It's all for You  
The children dancing, dancing, dancing  
It's all for You, It's all for You

*[Chorus]*

## *One Thing Remains*

Higher than the mountains that I face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant through the trial and the change  
One thing remains  
One thing remains

### *Chorus*

*Your love never fails it never gives up it never runs out on me*  
*Your love never fails it never gives up it never runs out on me*  
*Your love never fails it never gives up it never runs out on me*

On and on and on and on it goes  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
And I never ever have to be afraid  
One thing remains  
One thing remains  
(repeat *Chorus*)

In death and in life I'm confident and covered by the power of  
your great love  
My debt is paid there's nothing that can separate my heart from  
your great love  
(repeat *Chorus*)

## *Who You Say I Am*

### **Verse**

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

### **Chorus**

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

### **Verse**

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

### **Chorus**

### **Bridge**

I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

**(Repeat)**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King'  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.  
Filled with messages from Thee.



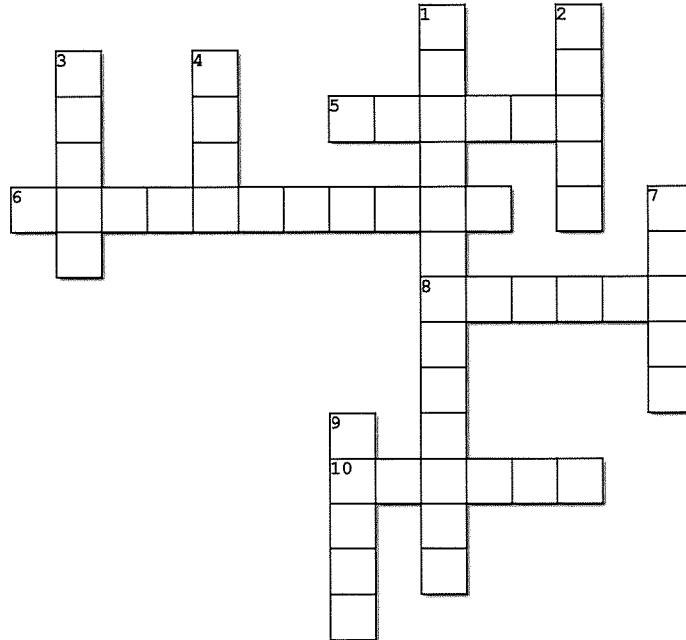
“A harvest of  
righteousness  
is sown in  
peace.”

**James**  
**3:18** ESV



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### Across

5. the small part of a ship that steers it
6. what kinds of people raise a harvest of righteousness?
8. most of this chapter is about taming the \_\_\_\_\_
10. chapter three says the tongue is full of deadly \_\_\_\_\_

### Down

1. this questions is asked - who is wise and \_\_\_\_\_ among you?
2. you put bits into this animal's mouth
3. the chapter we are studying today
4. wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all \_\_\_\_\_
7. a salt spring cannot produce this kind of water
9. a fire is started by a small \_\_\_\_\_