

## HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

### The Book of James – Part 8

#### The Humility of Heavenly Wisdom

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our study of the Book of James. Our topic today: The Humility of Heavenly Wisdom.

Scripture Theme Song: “Bless the LORD” – Psalm 103:1-4

Intro: I love to memorize the Bible in song. Here’s one chorus from the Book of James: “Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord and He shall lift you up.”

- 1) Two kinds of wisdom
    - a) Earthly
      - i) James 3:14-16
      - ii) Proverbs 14:12, 16:25
    - b) Heavenly
      - i) James 3:17-18
      - ii) Galatians 5:22-23
    - c) How can we receive heavenly wisdom? James 1:5
    - d) James 3:13 Why does the possession of heavenly wisdom enable us to be gentle and willing to yield rather than harsh and self-seeking?
  - 2) Pride and selfish desires bring conflict and quarrels
    - a) James 4:1-2
    - b) Isn’t it rather obvious that pride and selfishness lead to conflict? Why does James remind us of this important truth? (we may not expect such conduct among Christians)
  - c) Think of some examples in the early church where pride or selfishness led to conflict.
    - i) Mark 9:33-35
    - ii) Galatians 2:11-13
    - iii) 1 Corinthians 1:11-13
  - d) If you have witnessed church conflict caused by pride and selfish desires, how has that church conflict affected you?
  - e) James 4:6 (Proverbs 3:34) Why does God resist the proud but give grace to the humble?
- 3) Creeping compromise
    - a) James 3:4 Why does James call his readers “adulterers and adulteresses”? He began his letter by calling them brothers (and sisters)?
    - b) What are some ways that we might have committed spiritual adultery without even realizing it?
    - c) How does the counsel of James relate to the words of the apostle John in 1 John 2:15-17?
  - 4) Submission to God
    - a) James 4:7-10
    - b) Notice the order here. What comes first?
    - c) What happens if we try to resist the devil in our own strength? Acts 19:13-16
    - d) Share an experience where you realized that victory was only possible as your submitted to God and drew close to Him.
    - e) What lessons about submission and humility can we learn from Jesus?