

James

Temptations, Trials

&

Triumph

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False wisdom (15,16) (Review)

- Contrasting the real:
 - Earthly – based on terrestrial motives
 - Natural – sensual, animal nature (*psuchikos*)
 - Demonic – *daimoniodes* (1x) demon-like
 - Disorder – *akatastasia*, instability, disturbance
 - Evil things – *phaulos*, bad, base, wicked
- Do we know the real from the false? Ro 1:22
- These are not hard to see...

True wisdom (17,18)

- Now for the real:
 - From above (15) see 1:5,17 – from God
 - Pure – *hagnos*, chaste, pure, clear
 - Peaceable – *eirenikos* (2x He 12:11) Mt 5:9; Ro 12:18
 - Gentle – *epieikes*, patient, fair, mild, no English is good
 - Reasonable *eupeithes*, easy to be entreated, compliant
 - Mercy-full – *mestos eleos*, good will, help (2:13,16)
 - Good fruits – Mt 7:17, Ga 5:22... good stuff!!!(vs 12)
 - Unwavering *adiakritos* w/o ambiguity, doubt
 - No hypocrisy – *anupokritos* sincere, unfeigned Ro 12:9

Following thru...

- This wisdom is a seed
 - We plant it and see the harvest over time
 - Right-ness
 - Peace and those who make peace
 - This is the road of true biblical wisdom in us
 - As God makes peace thru Christ...
 - We reconcile people thru the Christ in us...
 - Is making peace important anymore?
 - Is it a sign of **HIS KINGDOM**? (Is 9:6; Ep 2:14-18; Co 1:20-21; Jo 14:27; Ro 5:1ff; 14:17; 2Co 5:19; Mt 5:9)

Keys to making peace (short version)

- Search your own heart
 - Are you under stress? Fearful? Uncomfortable?
 - Do you have unconfessed sin in your life?
- Identify the Biblical principles that were broken
 - Be sure it is not just a preference, inconvenience...
 - Sin is against God, we are hurt/effected...
- Go to the person after prayer (Mt 18:15-20)
 - Look for the “3rd person”
 - If no repentance, leave it in God’s Hands