

SESSION 2  
JAMES 1.5-8

To this point we have considered the role of trial in our lives, the God ordained, soul sanctifying, pure joy producing walk with Jesus through affliction by which Christ in us the hope of glory is really realized. We now consider how we call upon the great resources that are ours in Christ as we navigate the inevitable difficulties and disappointments in life.

V 5a What is James actually speaking of in this segment of scripture?

How would you define wisdom?

In wisdom, what is seen?

In wisdom, what is received?                      Prov 1.7

What is the first fruit that blossoms from the holy fear of God?

What are the precious fruits of humility?

So what is the relationship between wisdom and humility?

In Prov 8.22-34 we see Wisdom personified. What are the key elements about Wisdom expounded in these verses?

The highest call of the human mind is to, in humility, receive the revelation of the Essence of God through the witness of His Spirit, His Word, and His creation and respond to this revelation with surrender, adoration, and praise. True wisdom emerges from this spiritual position and the trial at hand is navigated in its light. The deportment of the believer is thus permeated by wisdom in action - wise choices made based on the understanding of the truth of the existence of the Godhead and the revelation received of His Presence, His perspective, and His purpose.

V 5b Who may receive God's counsel?                      Heb 11.6

How does God give His wisdom to us when we turn to Him in our trials?

Isa 61.10

V 6 What role does faith play in praying for wisdom from God?

V 7-8 What is the impact that doubting God has on our minds and how is the doubter portrayed in reference to seeking wisdom from God?

What are the major issues in your life that cause you to doubt God?