

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for October 30-31, 1999

"Where to Get Wisdom"

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James 3:13-18

The "wisdom from above" refers to God's own divine wisdom, which He graciously bestows on those who trust in His Son.

The motivation For The Wisdom From Above

"But the wisdom from above is first pure"...at the core or at the heart of the wisdom that is from above is the desire to be pure.

The word "pure" (HAGNOS) carries the idea of being free of contamination or defilement and was used by the ancient Greeks of a cleansing ceremony whereby a worshiper was made pure and worthy enough to approach the gods.

When a person turns their back on the wisdom of the world and embraces Christ as their Lord and Savior they will begin to evidence a much greater desire to be pure. It is the mark of someone who is truly saved (1 John 3:1-3).

Not only should we expect to see this hungering for purity in our moral victories but perhaps even more so in our personal defeats(Psalm 51:1-10; Romans 7:15-22).