

WISDOM FROM HEAVEN

James 3:1-18

Key Verse: 3:17

1. What admonishment did James give (1)? Why was this necessary in that Jewish Christian context? What should believers keep in mind (2)?
2. What do horse bits and ship rudders teach us about the tongue (3-5a)? In what sense can the tongue be compared to fire (5b-6)? What can we learn about the power of the tongue (Pr 18:21)?
3. How is the difficulty of taming the tongue described (7-8a)? In what ways is the tongue a restless evil (8b-9)? Why should praise and cursing not come out of the same mouth (10-12)?
4. How can believers prove that they are wise and understanding (13)? What is at the root of boasting and denying the truth (14; Mk 7:20-23)? What is the source and consequence of “such wisdom” (15-16)?
5. Where does genuine wisdom come from and what characterizes it (17; Pr 3:19; 1Co 1:30)? Why is peace and its fruit emphasized (18)? How can we be peacemakers?