

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Over the past two weeks, we considered James' proclamation of the Contrast of, and Conflict between, the Wisdom of God (Heavenly Wisdom) and the Wisdom of the World (Earthly Wisdom).
- \* We are entering the final section of James' letter which contains applications to our lives based upon choosing the Wisdom of God over the wisdom of the world.
- \* Last week, as we considered the Prescription for Heavenly Wisdom it began with the command to Submit to God - voluntarily placing yourself under the authority of God. Additionally, we were told to humble ourselves in the sight of YHWH and He would lift us up.
- \* Today, we begin looking at three of the applications of Heavenly Wisdom by considering our humble submission to the will of YHWH.

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE M\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13-14a)****II. THE R\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13-15)****A. The F\_\_\_\_\_ of Man (v. 13-14)**

## 1. OUR K\_\_\_\_\_ IS LIMITED

a. Implications (cf. Proverbs 27:1; Matthew 6:25-34)

b. Illustrations (cf. Genesis 11:3-7; 2 Kings 6:24-7:20; Luke 12:16-21)

## 2. OUR D\_\_\_\_\_ ARE LIMITED (cf. Psalm 39:4-6; Psalm 103:15 (13-17); 90:10,12)

**B. The S\_\_\_\_\_ of God (v. 15)**

1. THE C\_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD (cf. Proverbs 16:1; 16:9; 19:21; 20:24; 21:1; 21:30; Isaiah 55:8-11)

2. THE E\_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD (cf. Jonah; Daniel 4)

**III. THE S\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16-17)****A. The Accusation (v. 16)**

\* cf. Ephesians 2:9; Romans 3:27-28; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Romans 5:1-3

\* cf. 1 John 2:16; Romans 1:30; 2 Timothy 3:2

**B. The Application (v. 17)**

1. THE D\_\_\_\_\_ OF GOOD (4:17)

2. THE C\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE LORD (5:8)

3. THE T\_\_\_\_\_ OF OATHS (5:12)

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* Which Way of Wisdom are you following?
- \* Do you seek God's guidance for your future plans - or, are you in charge?
- \* Are you frustrated when things do not go the way that YOU want them to go?
- \* Are you anxious about what will happen "tomorrow"?
- \* Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* How do we find the proper balance between being diligent regarding our future and not deceiving ourselves into thinking that we are in charge?