



Sermon on the Mount

Sermon Notes - Part 27 - August 3rd, 2025

Title: Wisdom from Above

Guest Speaker: Ryan Cobb

Main Scriptures: James 3:13-18; Genesis 11:3-4; 1 Corinthians 13:12-13

Note: Fill in the blank answers will be provided on the screen

1. James 3:13-18 - Main Idea

- In every season, Christ will provide you with _____ from above

2. James 3:13

- A humble, gentle, faithful, _____ life can be given to God. This is a life “_____ of wisdom” according to James.

3. James 3:14-16

- Not all that _____ wise is wisdom. The _____ may prove it is not wisdom at all.

4. James 3:17-18

- Genuine wisdom is proven by its _____ (from above) and the effects upon one's _____.

Quotes from Church History¹

→ “For myself, when I learned of the wicked disguise which through false report was cast over the divine teaching of Christians by the evil demons in order to turn away others, I laughed at this disguise and at the opinions of the multitude; and I declare that I prayed and strove with all my might to be found a Christian, not because the teachings of Plato are contrary to those of Christ, but because they are not in all respects like them; as is the case with the doctrines of the others, Stoics, poets and prose-authors. For each discoursed rightly, seeing that which was kin to Christianity; but they that have uttered contrary opinions seem not to have had the invisible knowledge and the irrefutable wisdom; on our account He has been made man, that, being made partaker of our sufferings, he may also bring us healing.” – *Justin* (150AD), *Apology I. xlv. 1-4*.

→ “What is there in common with Athens and Jerusalem? What between the Academy and the Church? ...Away with all projects for a Stoic, a Platonic, or a dialectic Christianity! After Christ Jesus we desire no subtle theories, no acute inquiries after the gospel...” – *Tertullian* (200AD), *De praescriptione haereticorum*

→ In every season, Christ will provide you with **wisdom from above**

- There is a _____ - _____ - _____ truth to that 🙌
- It also applies to a _____ church, whether in the early or modern day Church.
- Genesis 11:3-4 helps us see that James 3:13-18 can _____ our world and us, if we let it, in _____ ways today.

¹ Both quotes are taken from: *Documents of the Christian Church*, 4th Edition, by Henry Bettenson