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## Wisdom Pt 3 wisdom from above– full of mercy & without sin

This is our third study on wisdom. In our previous teaching we established four points– (i) wisdom from above is first pure, (ii) wisdom from above is then peaceable, (iii) wisdom from above is gentle, and (iv) wisdom from above is easy intreated. In this study we cover three points – (i) Wisdom that is from above is full of mercy and good fruits, (ii) wisdom that is from above is without partiality, and (iii) wisdom that is from above is without hypocrisy.

More detail from the scriptures on our three points –

### 1. Wisdom that is from above is (a) full of mercy and (b) good fruits

“But the wisdom that is from above is...full of mercy and good fruits...” (Jam.3: 17).

#### a) Wisdom from above is full of mercy:

The Lord dwells in his holy temple in heaven (above) and is full of mercy  
“But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth” (Ps.86:15). See also Ps.119: 64, 145: 8)– CF– Ps.11:4  
“The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven...”

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“But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth” (Ps. 86:15). See also Ps.145:8– “The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy”.

#### b) Wisdom from above is full of good fruits

A good tree brings forth “good fruit”– it cannot bring forth evil fruit  
[17] Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.  
[18] A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither [can] a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. (Matt. 7: 17 & 18/ See also Lk 6:43

An example of good fruits– righteousness

“Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for [your] food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;”).  
(2 Cor.9: 10). See also Jam.3: 18.

### 2. Wisdom that is from above is without partiality (favouritism)

“But the wisdom that is from above is...without partiality” (Jam.3: 17).

Those in the OT who kept not God's ways were partial in the law  
“Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law” (Mal/2: 9).

Samuel's son's turned aside after lucre (profit) & took bribes and perverted judgment  
[1] And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

[3] And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. (1 Sam.8: 1, 2).

We are to do nothing by partiality

“I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality” (1 Tim.5: 21).

We that are not to have respect of persons based on what they wear

[1] My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ...with respect of persons.

[2] For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

[3] And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him (Jam.2: 1-3).

### 3. Wisdom that is from above is without hypocrisy

"But the wisdom that is from above is...without hypocrisy" (Jam.3: 17).

The vile person will speak villainy, his heart will work iniquity to practice hypocrisy

"For the vile person will speak villainy, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the Lord... (Is.32: 6).

Such were the scribes and Pharisees-

\* they shut up the Kingdom, neither go in themselves

"But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in" (Matt.23: 13).

\* outward appears righteous unto me, but within full of iniquity

"Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity" (Matt.23:28).

Hypocrites speak lies

"Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (1Tim.4: 2).

#### Illustration

The Lord Jesus is the only example of a man that heard, discerned, spoke the words of the Father, did His works, and without sin. Because the Father dwelt in the Son- Jn 14:10-"Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works- CF- Phil. 2: 8- "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross".

#### Questions of the scriptures

When a pastor/teacher compares the scriptures and allows the Holy Ghost to teach (1Cor.2: 13)-

a) how does he know that his teaching is wisdom from above?

b) how does he know his teaching (wisdom from above) is not hypocritical?

#### Answers from the scriptures

i) When the pastor allows the Holy Ghost to teach he first knows that the wisdom IS from above because it is from the Holy Ghost, and therefore-

\* It will bear good fruits, and it will be full of mercy, and NOT favour any particular group of people in his audience.

ii) He will know that his teaching (wisdom from above) is without hypocrisy because there will be NO lies, NO tradition and NO error with the Holy Ghost teaching.

Let us remember that-

a) wisdom from above will only bear good fruit, is without partiality, and without hypocrisy and will bear good fruits of righteousness- sown in peace (Jam.3: 18).

b) we have the spirit of wisdom- given by the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph.1: 17), & we are "in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom" (1 Cor.1: 30).