

## THE NEED FOR GODLY WISDOM IN YOUR TRIALS

(James 1:5-8)

### I. INTRODUCTION (James 1:1)

### II. THE VALUE OF TRIALS (James 1:2-4)

### III. THE VALUE OF GODLY WISDOM AND FAITH (James 1:5-8)

#### A. PRAYING FOR WISDOM (1:5)

1. When going through trials we are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for strength or deliverance, but James instructs us to pray for \_\_\_\_\_. (Prov. 2:9-11; 3:13-14; 8:35; 9:1-6)

\* Is there a difference between wisdom and knowledge in the New Testament?

2. Godly wisdom is something that you certainly \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 2)

3. Biblical wisdom is something that \_\_\_\_\_ of us naturally \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 5a)

4. You are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (*present/active/imperative*) for this wisdom from the Lord. (v. 5b, cf. Prov. 2:6; Matt. 7:7; James 4:2b)

5. God will \_\_\_\_\_ provide wisdom to those who ask. (v. 5c)

## B. PRAYING IN FAITH (1:6-8)

1. James turns from the manner in which God \_\_\_\_\_ to the manner in which we are to \_\_\_\_\_, because God's provision has some prerequisites. (v. 6a)
    - a. You are to ask in \_\_\_\_\_, which includes believing that He is \_\_\_\_\_ to answer your prayer, and that you confidently \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
    - b. You are to ask without doubting, which means without the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ back and forth.
  
  2. James compares the believer who doubts to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, which is ever changing from moment to moment; he/she has no \_\_\_\_\_ to the soul. (v. 6b, cf. Eph. 4:11-14)
  
  3. God \_\_\_\_\_ to answer the prayers of those believers who \_\_\_\_\_ to take Him at His Word. (v. 7)
  
  4. The "*double-minded man*" means one who has a divided \_\_\_\_\_ or a divided \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 8a, cf. Ps. 12:2; Hos. 10:2; Matt. 6:24)
  
  5. This believer is described as being "*unstable in all his ways,*" i.e., \_\_\_\_\_, fickle, \_\_\_\_\_ and reeling like a drunken man.
- \* How can you personally apply this to your own life today?